



Yao.jl: Extensible, Efficient Framework for Quantum Algorithm Design

<http://yaoquantum.org/>

Creators of Yao



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What is the killer app of a near-term quantum computer ?



In about next 3 years

Small: $O(10)$ - $O(10^3)$ qubits

Shallow: $O(10^2)$ - $O(10^4)$ gates

Noisy: no error correction



Quantum Algorithms



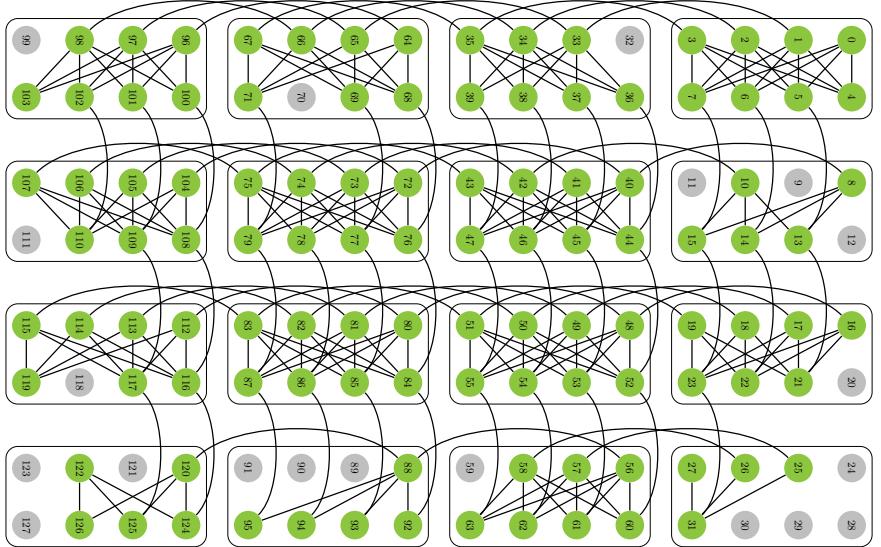
Cryptography



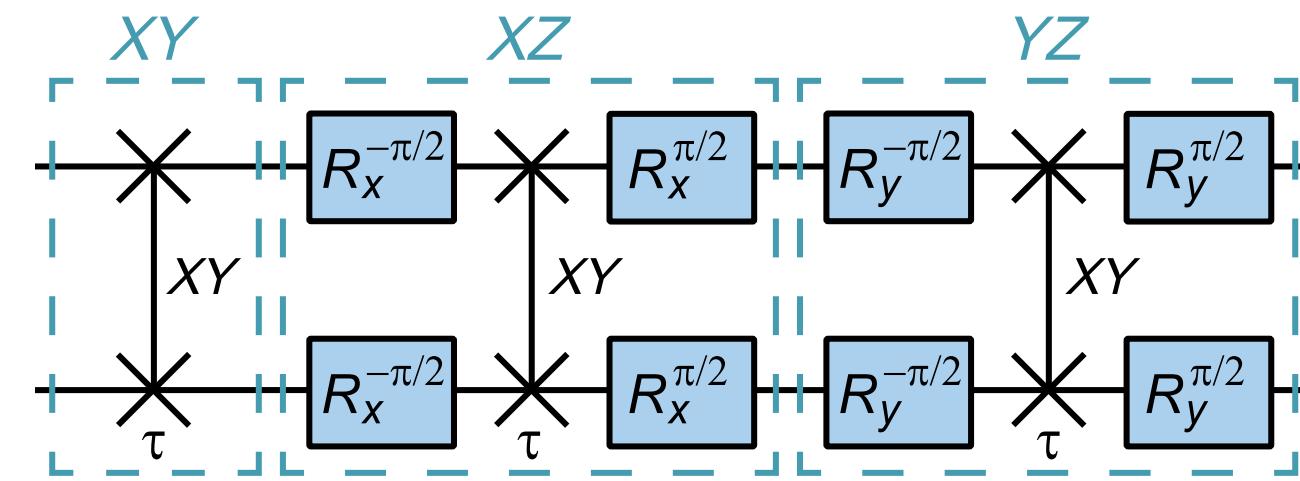
Search

$$A |x\rangle = |b\rangle$$

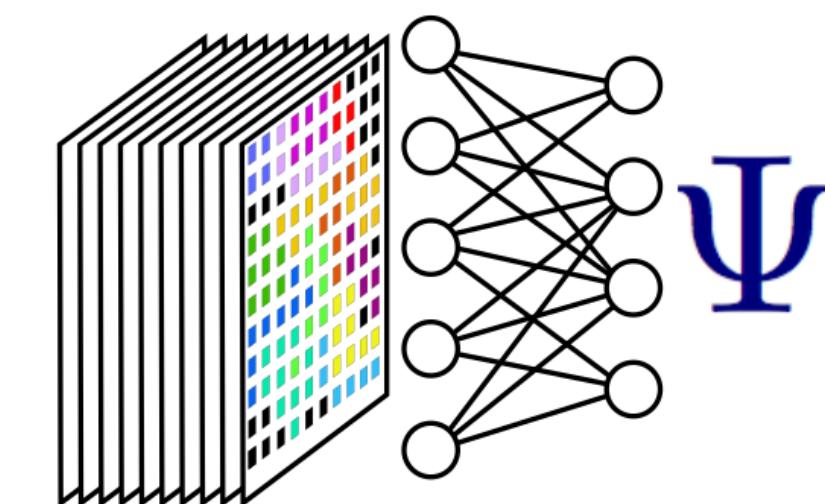
Linear Algebra



Quantum Annealing
and Optimization



Quantum
Simulation



Quantum
Machine Learning

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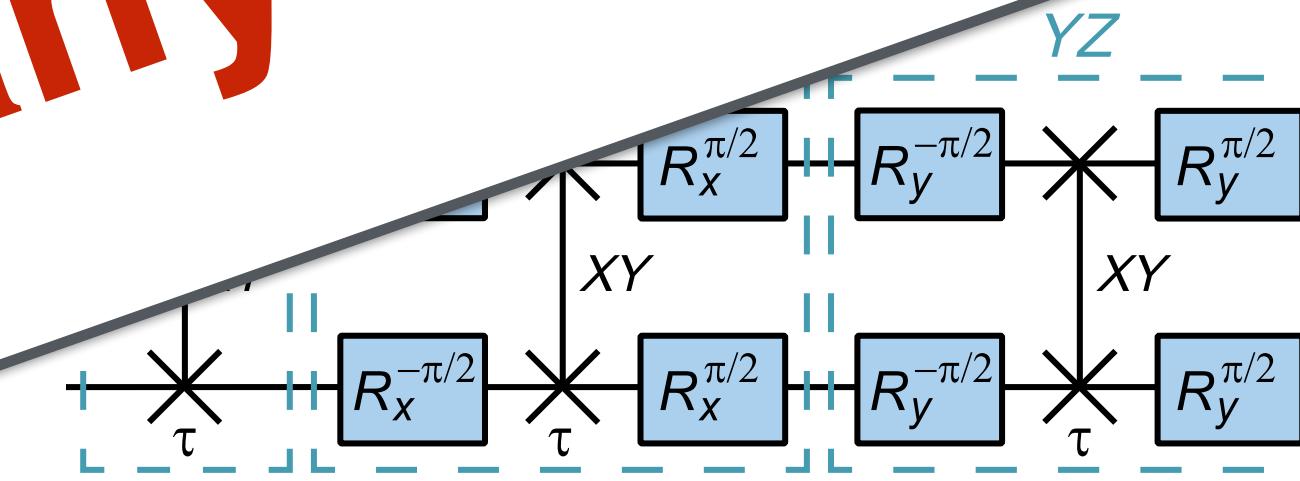


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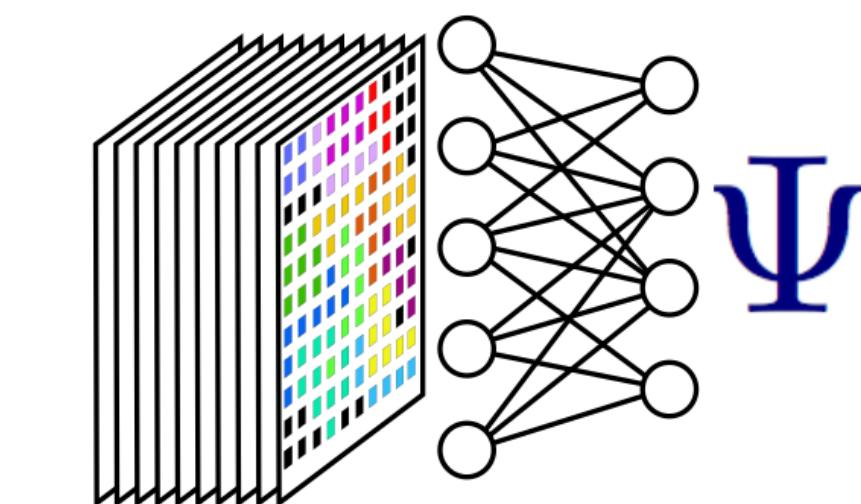
Algebra

Many caveats ...



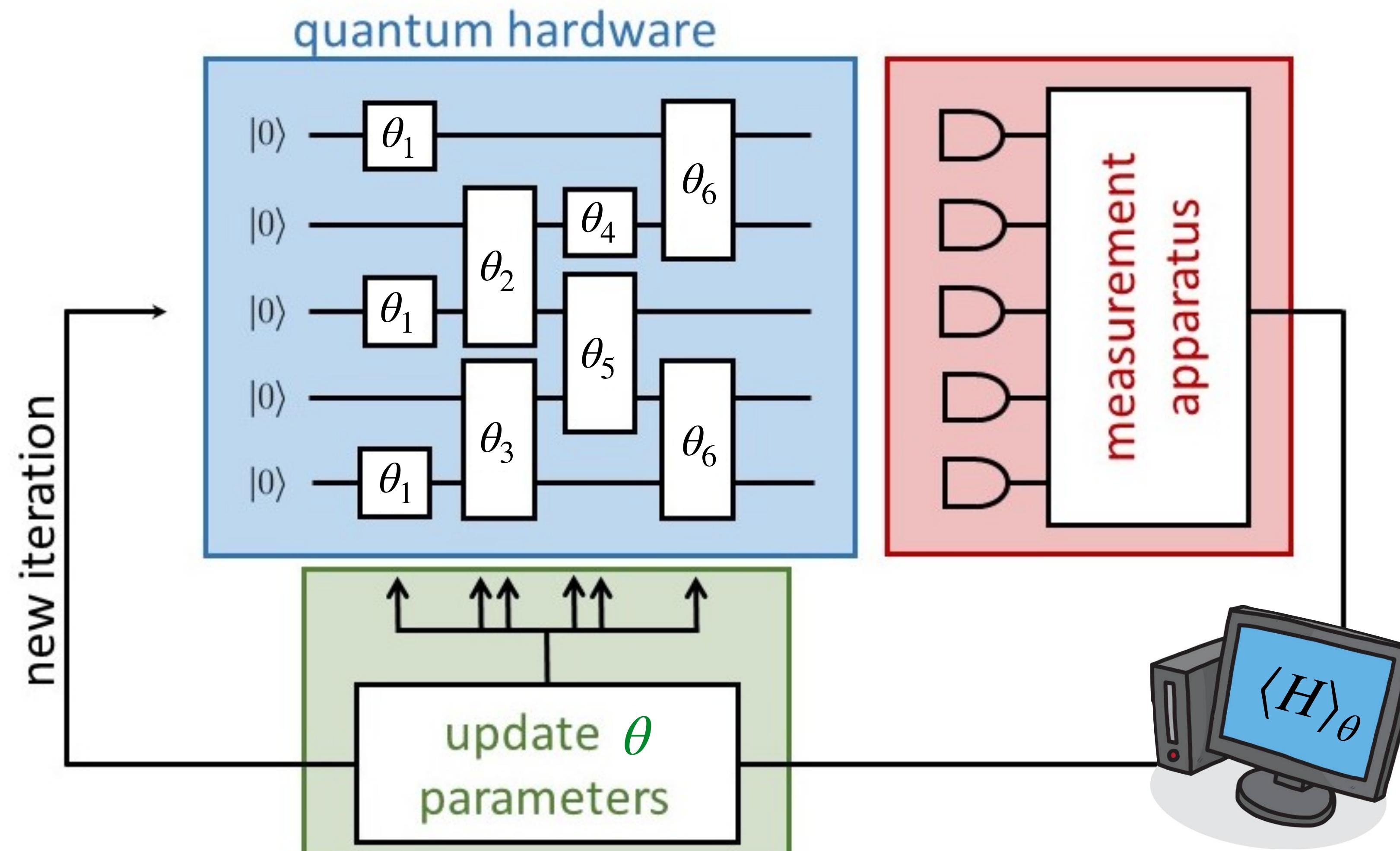
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Variational quantum eigensolver

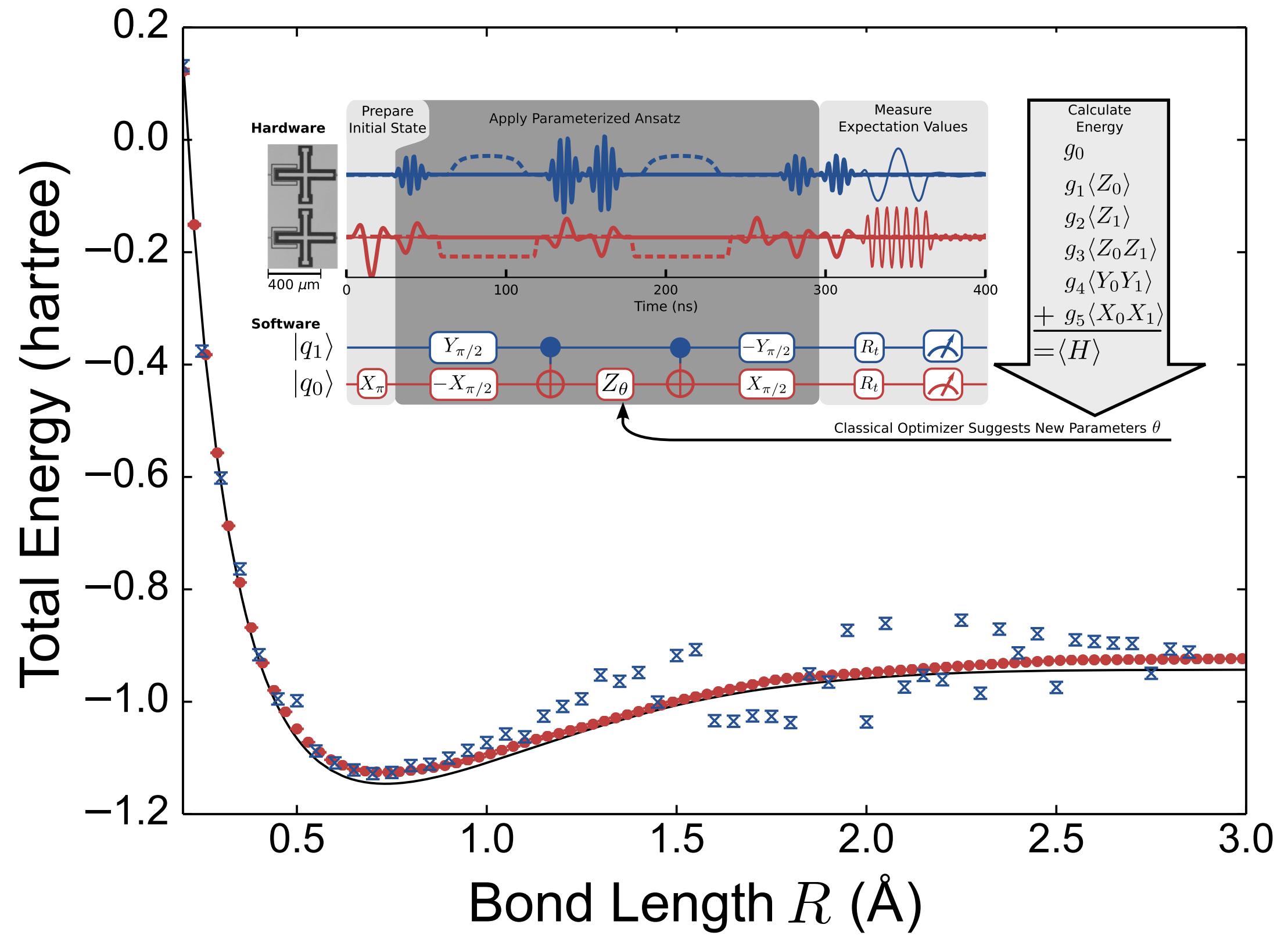


Quantum circuit as a variational ansatz

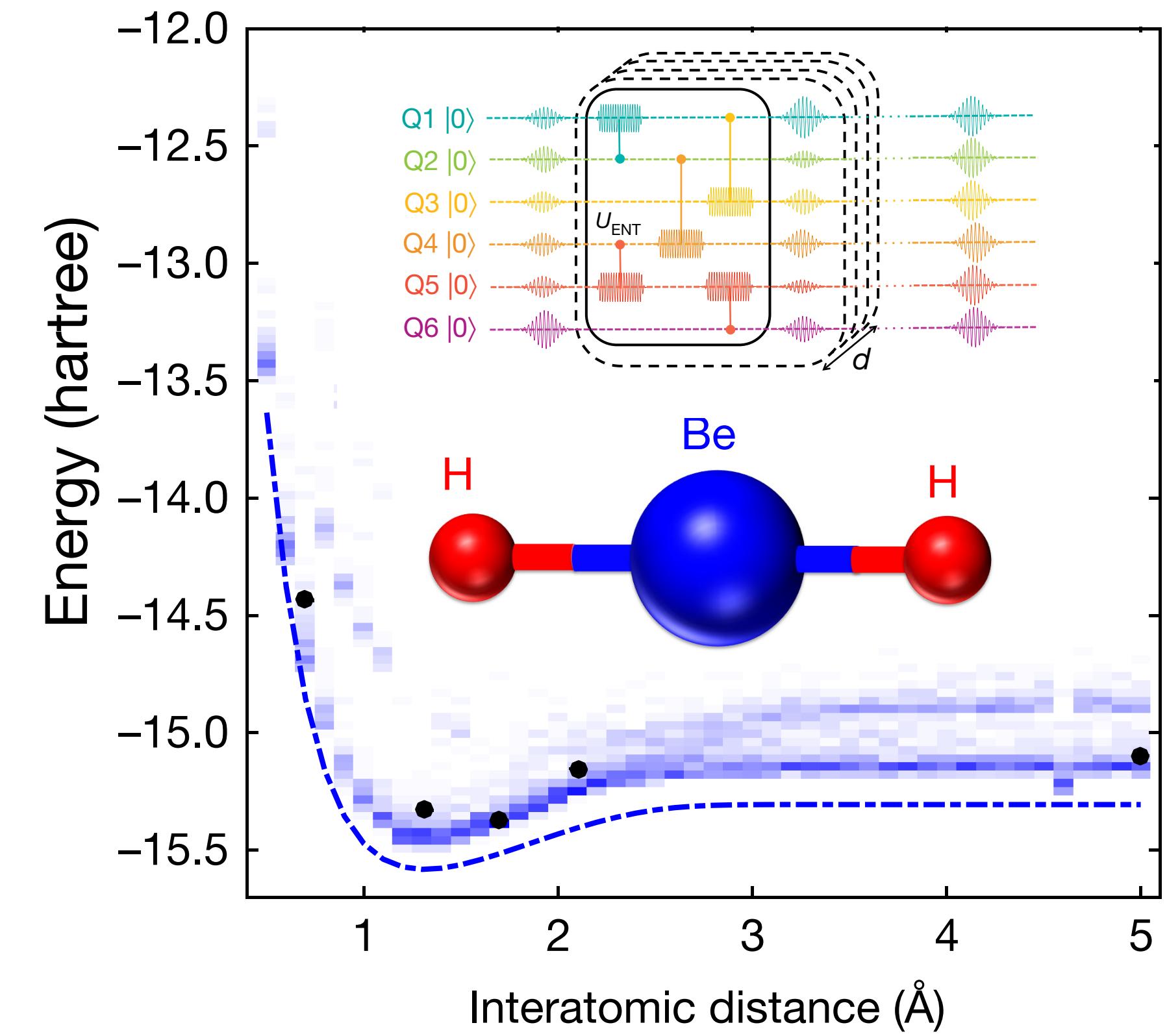
Peruzzo et al,
Nat. Comm. '13

VQE on actual quantum devices

H₂ molecule with 2 qubits

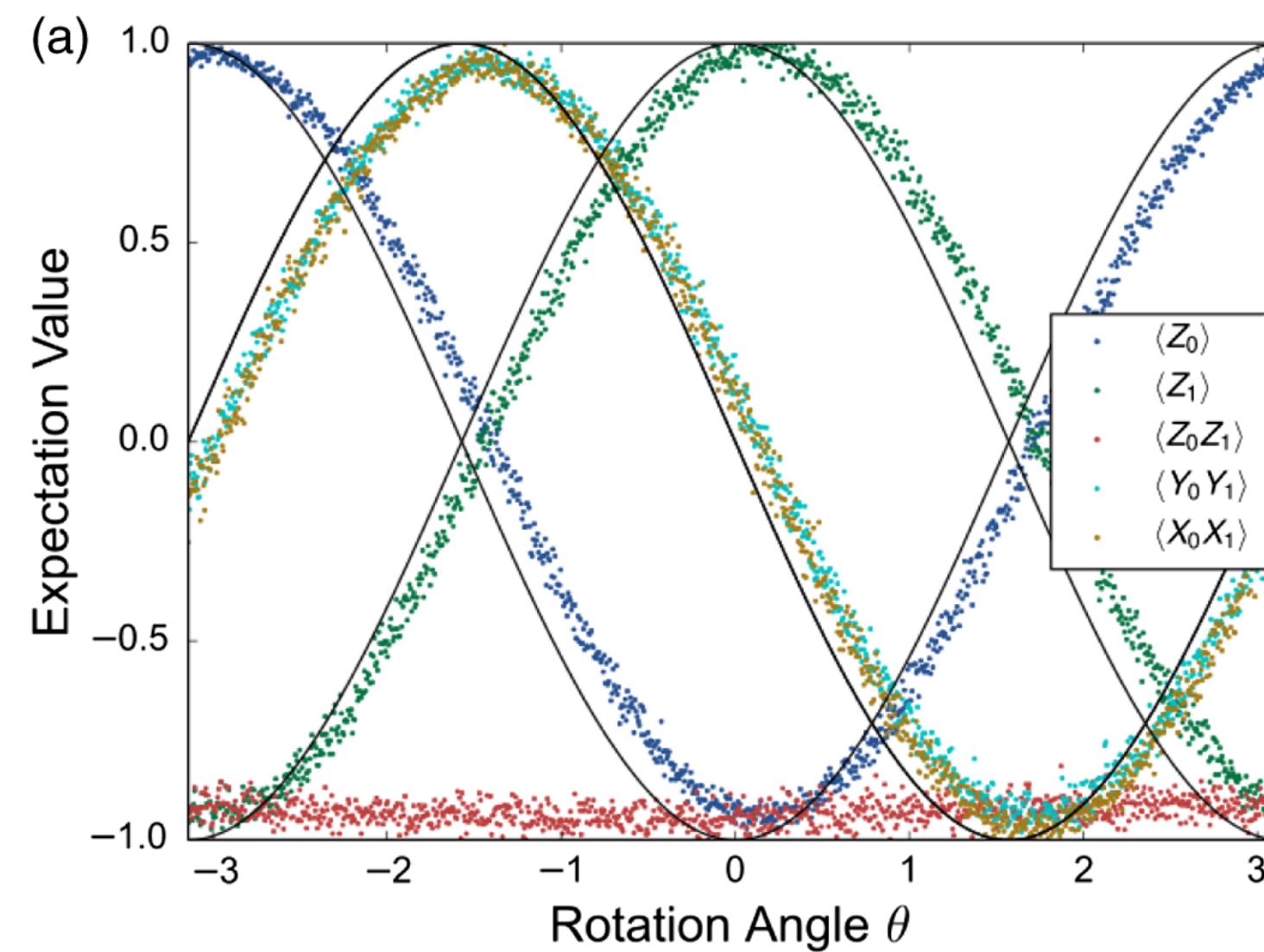


BeH₂ molecule with 6 qubits

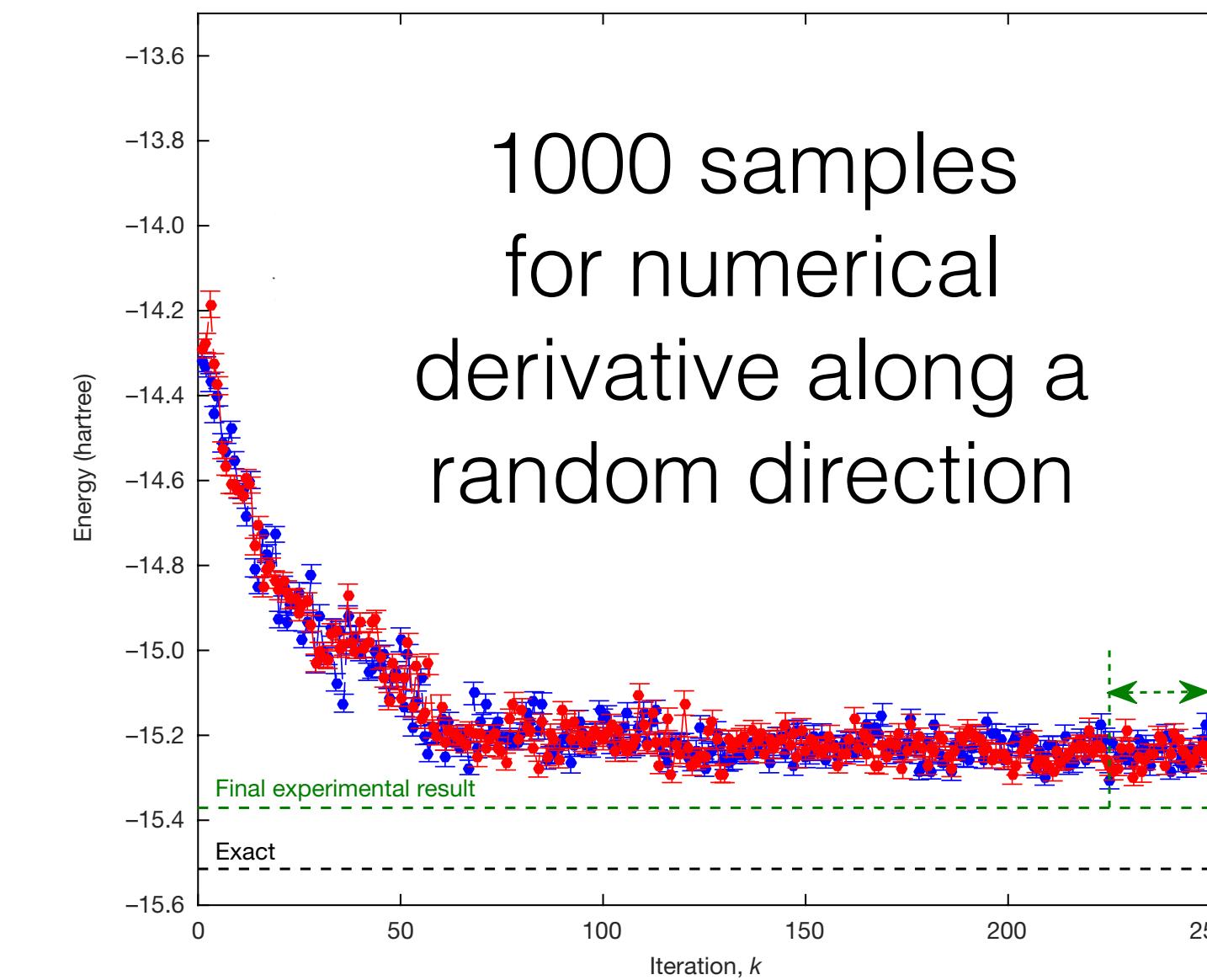


Optimize the quantum circuit

Scan 1000 values of the single variational parameter



Stochastic gradient descend with numerical derivative

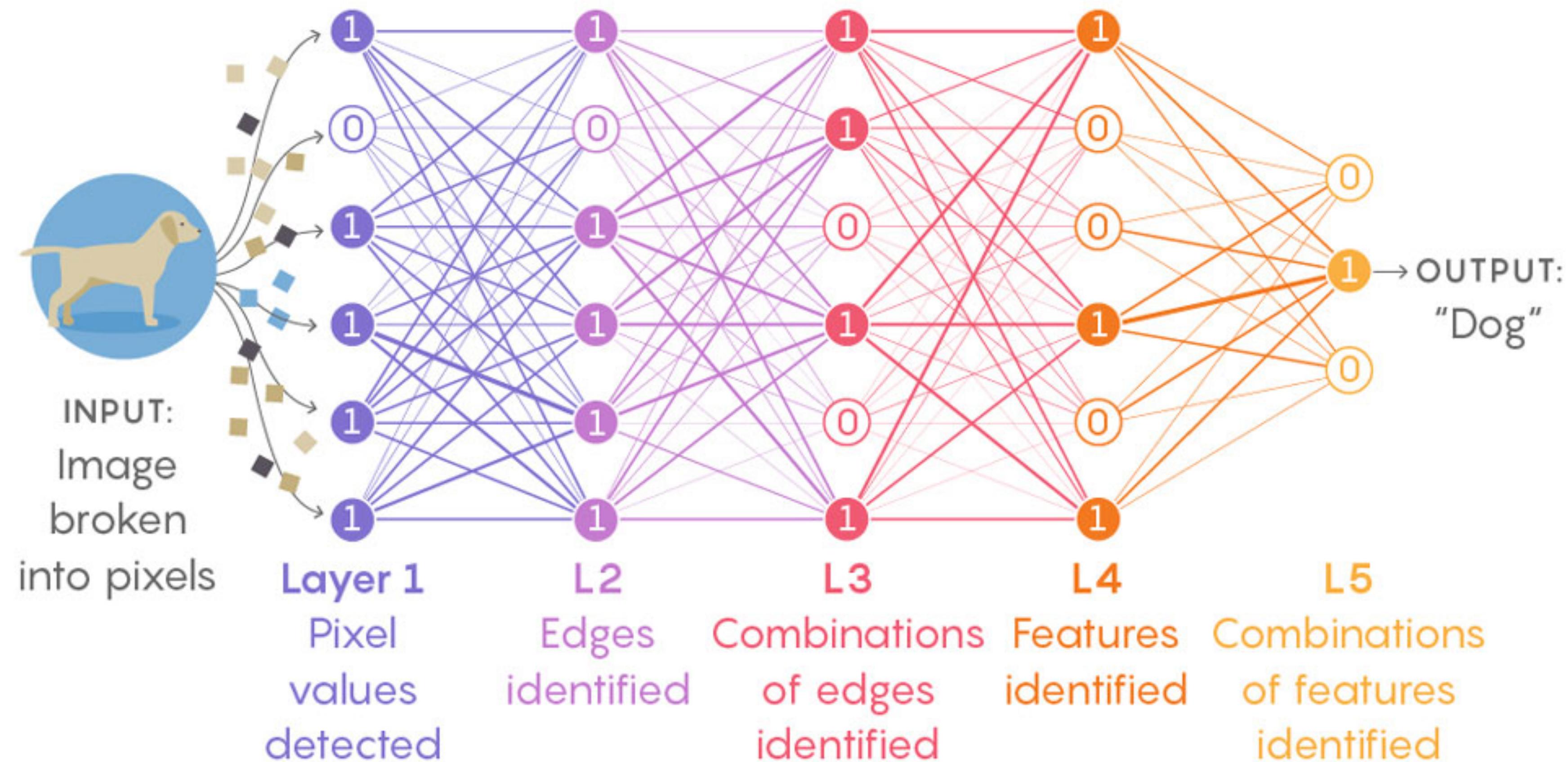


Google PRX '16

IBM Nature '17

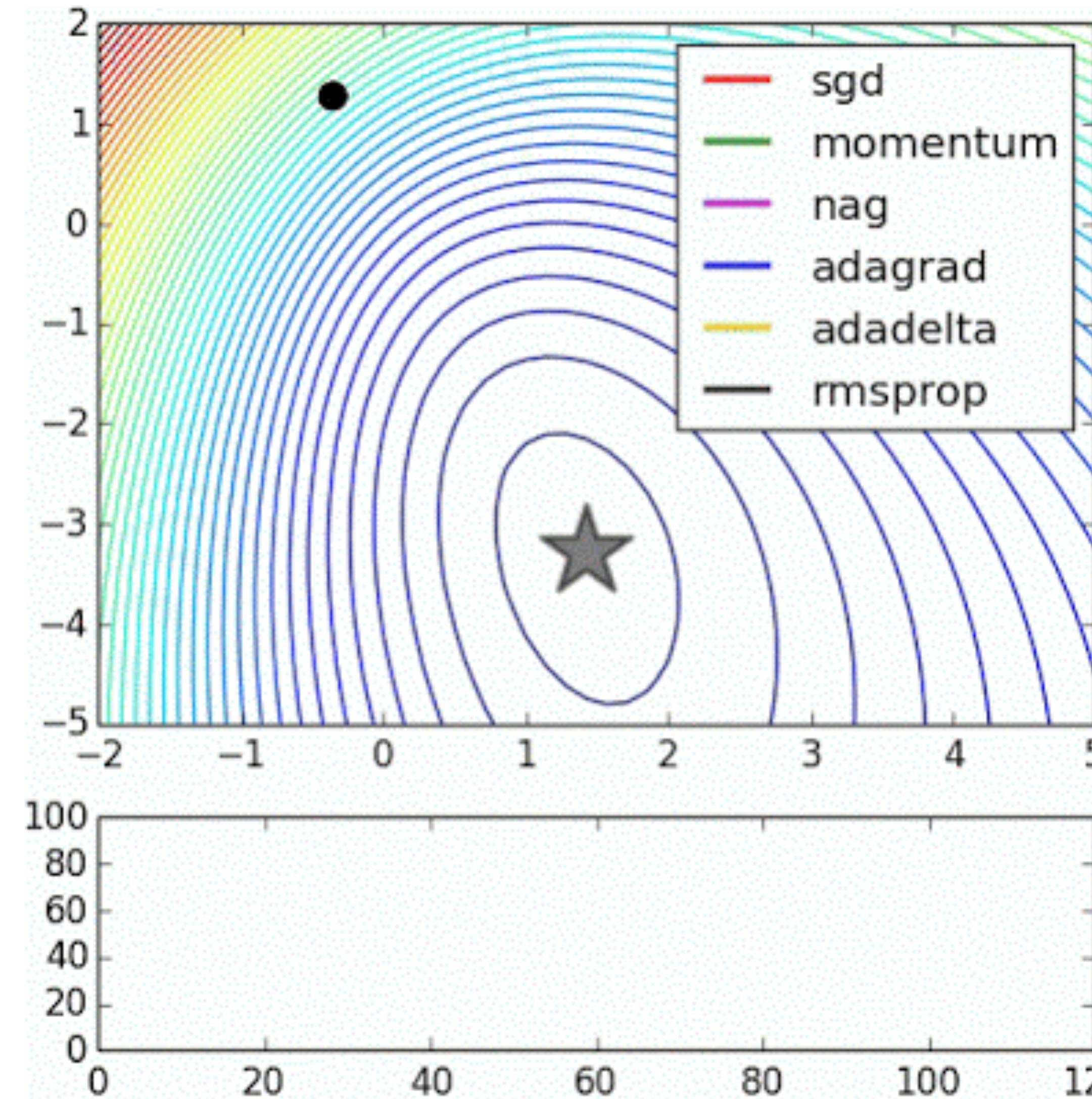
These optimization schemes do not scale to higher dimensions

The engine of deep learning



Compose differentiable components to form a program
e.g. a neural network, then optimize it with gradients

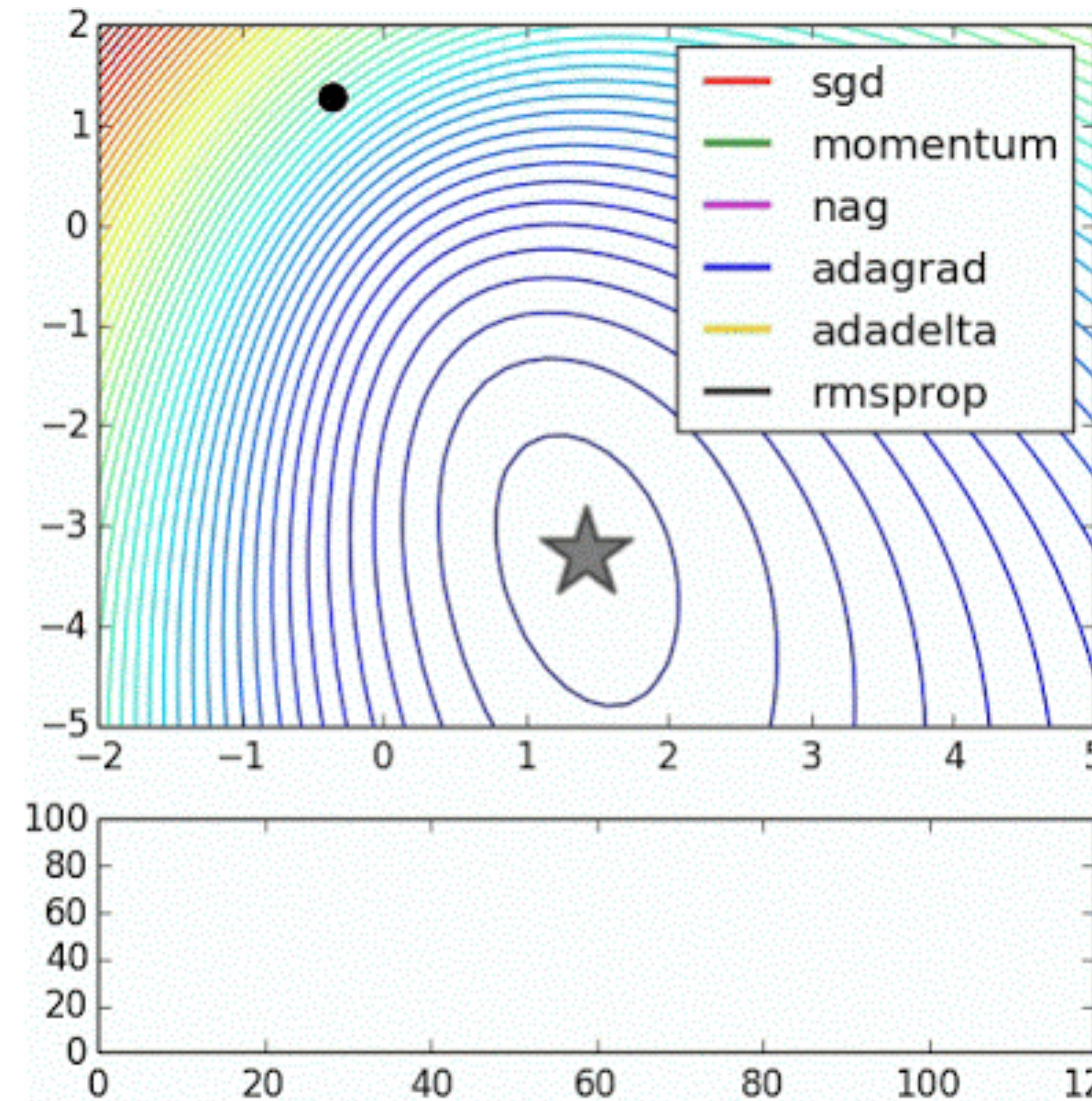
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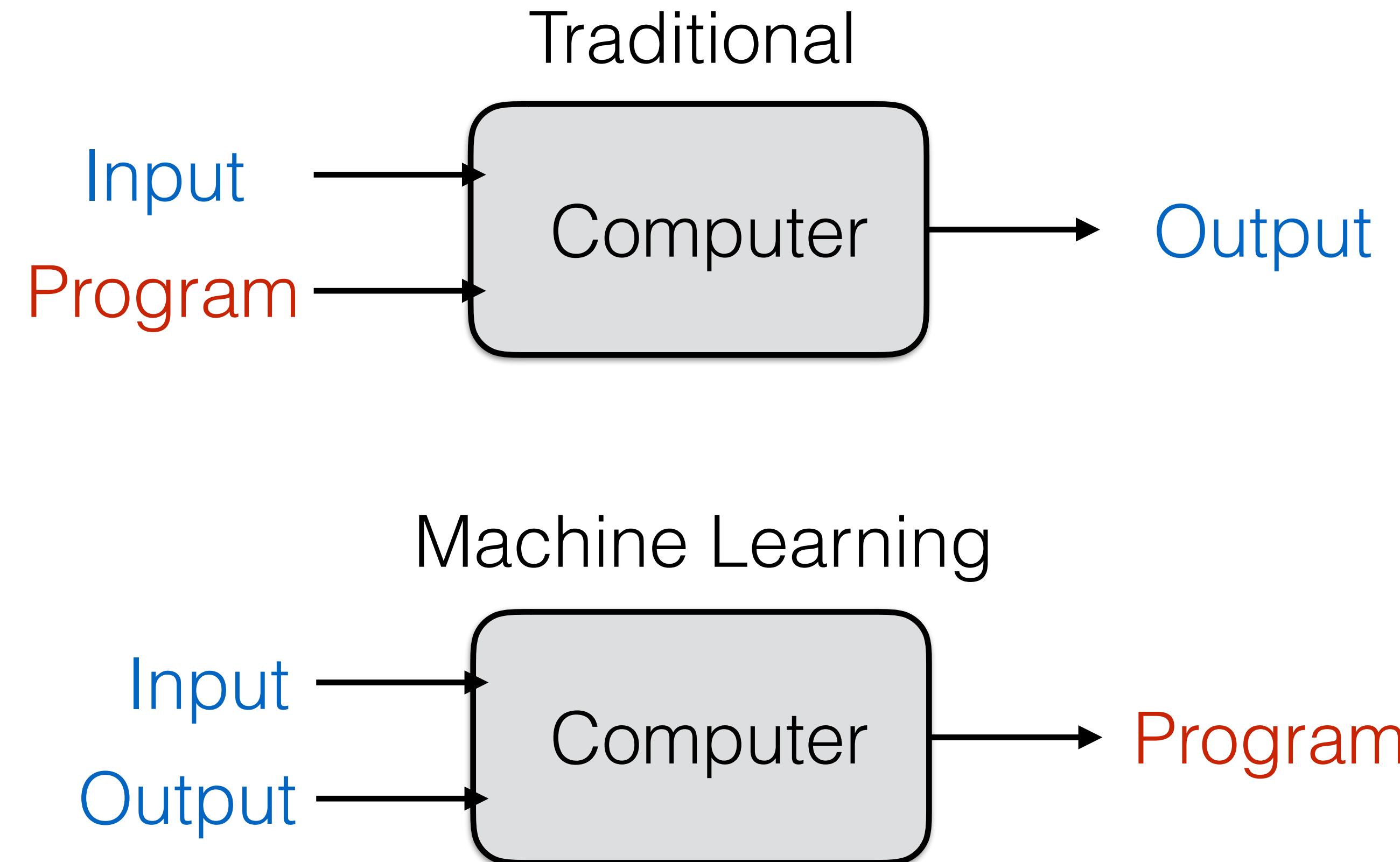
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Differentiable Programming Quantum Circuits

Neural Nets \leftrightarrow Probabilistic Graphical Models \leftrightarrow Tensor Nets \leftrightarrow Quantum Circuits

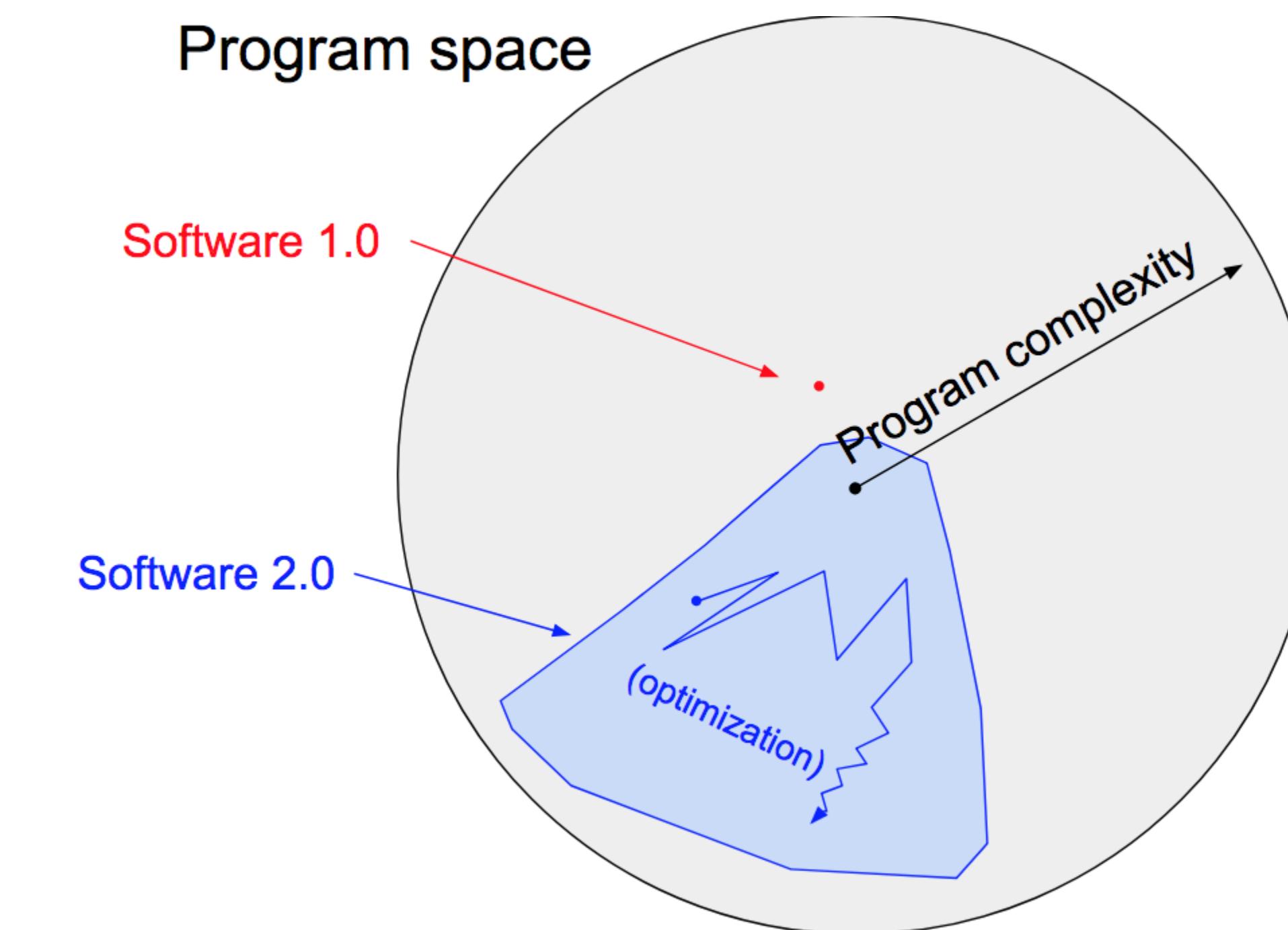
Differentiable Programming



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Benefits of Software 2.0

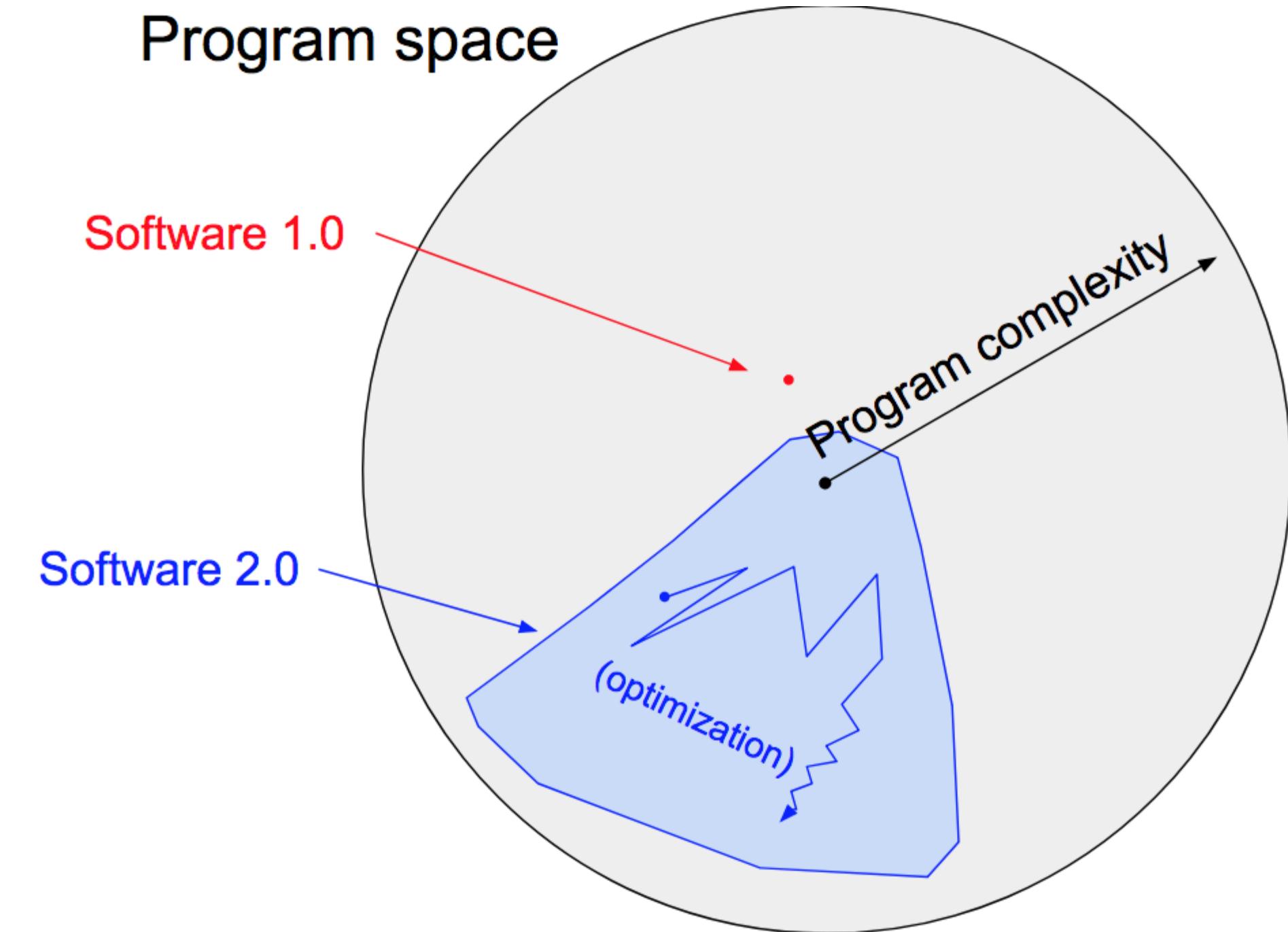
- Computationally homogeneous
- Simple to bake into silicon
- Constant running time
- Constant memory usage
- Highly portable & agile
- Modules can meld into an optimal whole
- **Better than humans**



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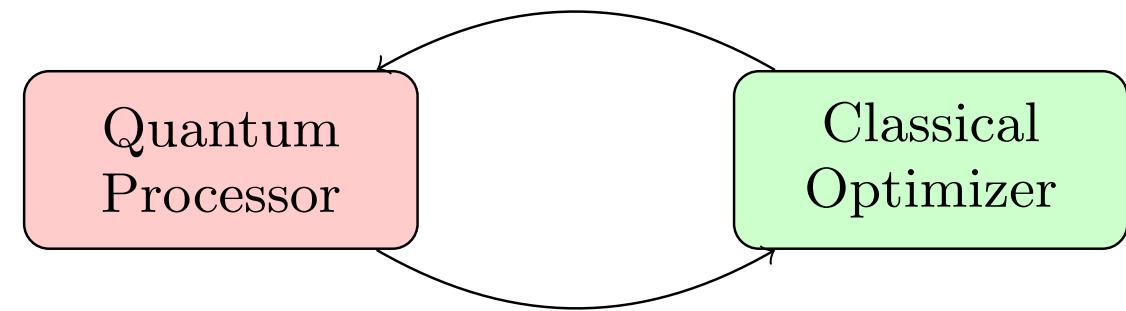
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- Variational quantum eigensolver (VQE)
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- Quantum approximate optimization algorithm (QAOA)
- Quantum pattern recognition

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Quantum circuit classifier

Farhi, Neven, 1802.06002 Havlicek et al, 1804.11326

TNS inspired circuit architecture

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VQE with fewer qubits

Liu, Zhang, Wan, LW, 1902.02663

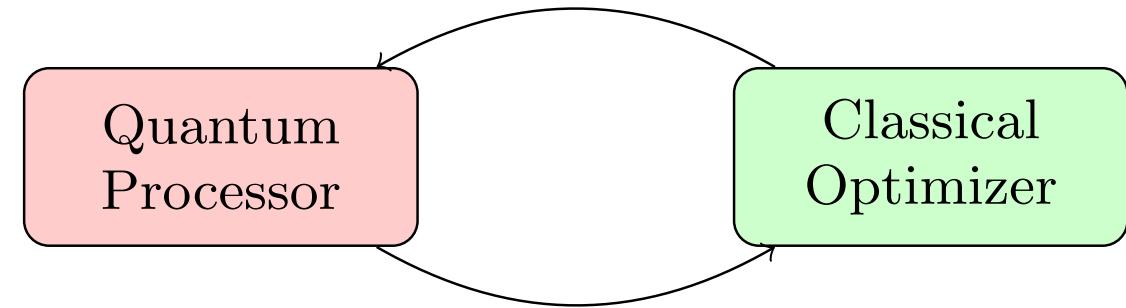
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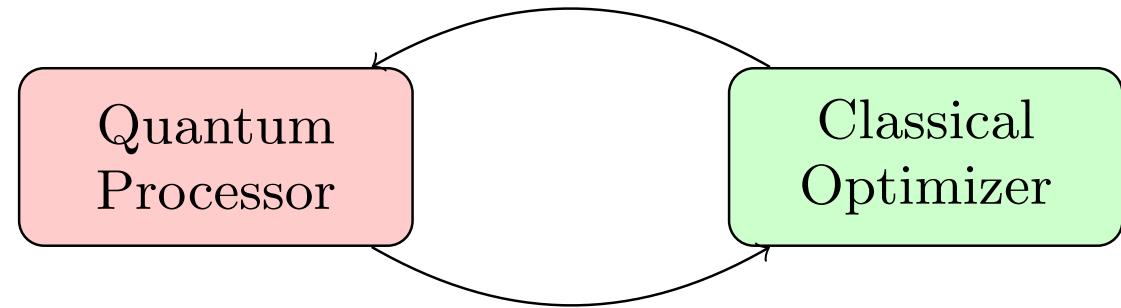
Near term:

What can we do with noisy
circuits of limited depth ?

Long term:

Are we really good at
programing quantum computers ?

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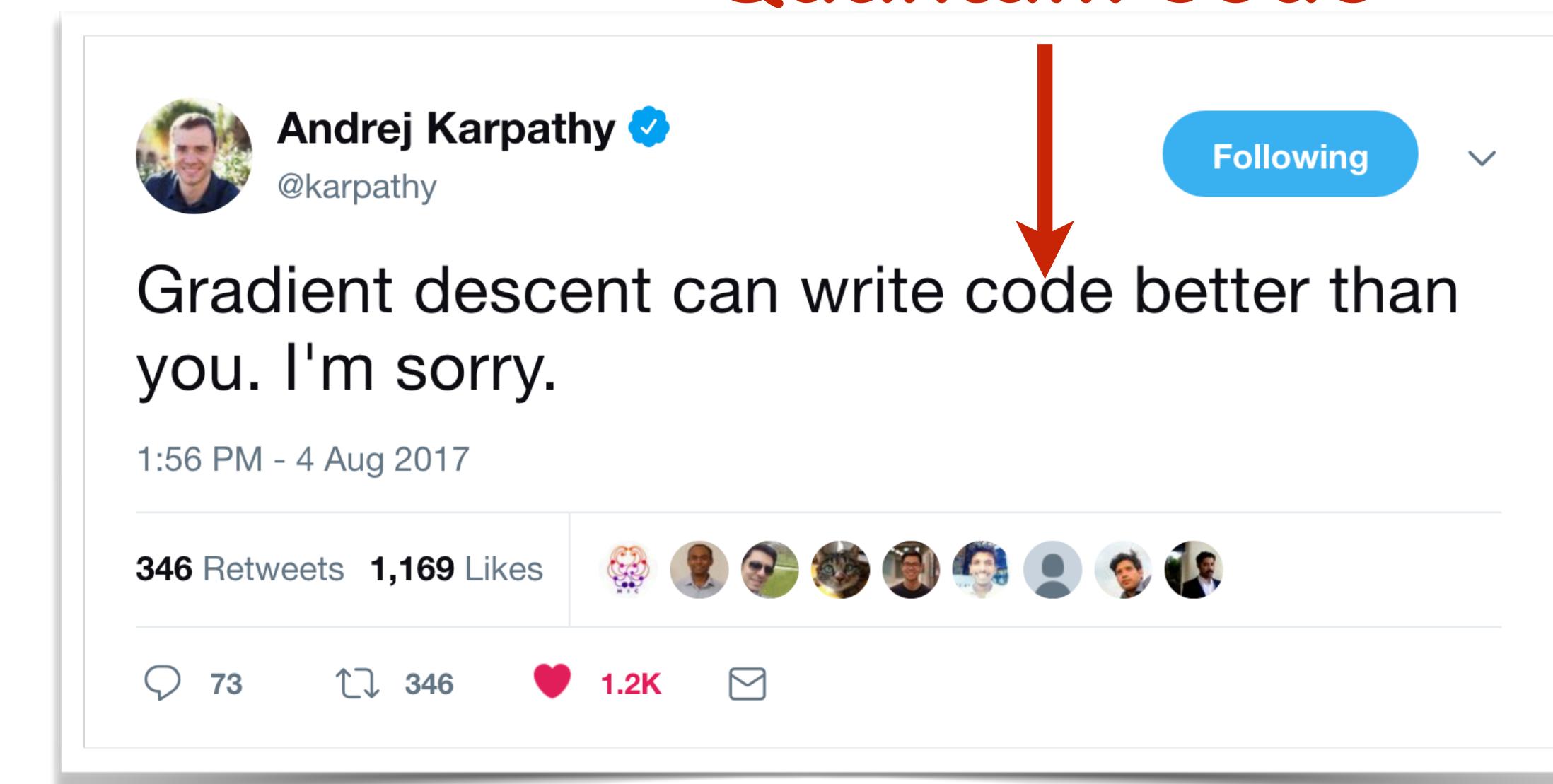
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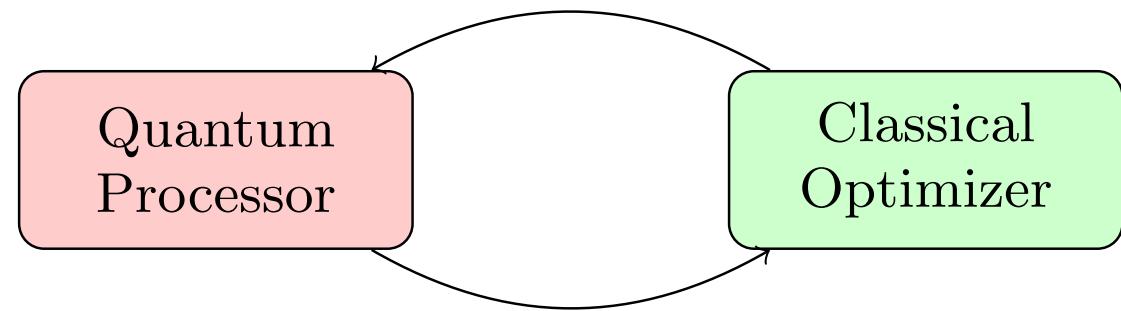
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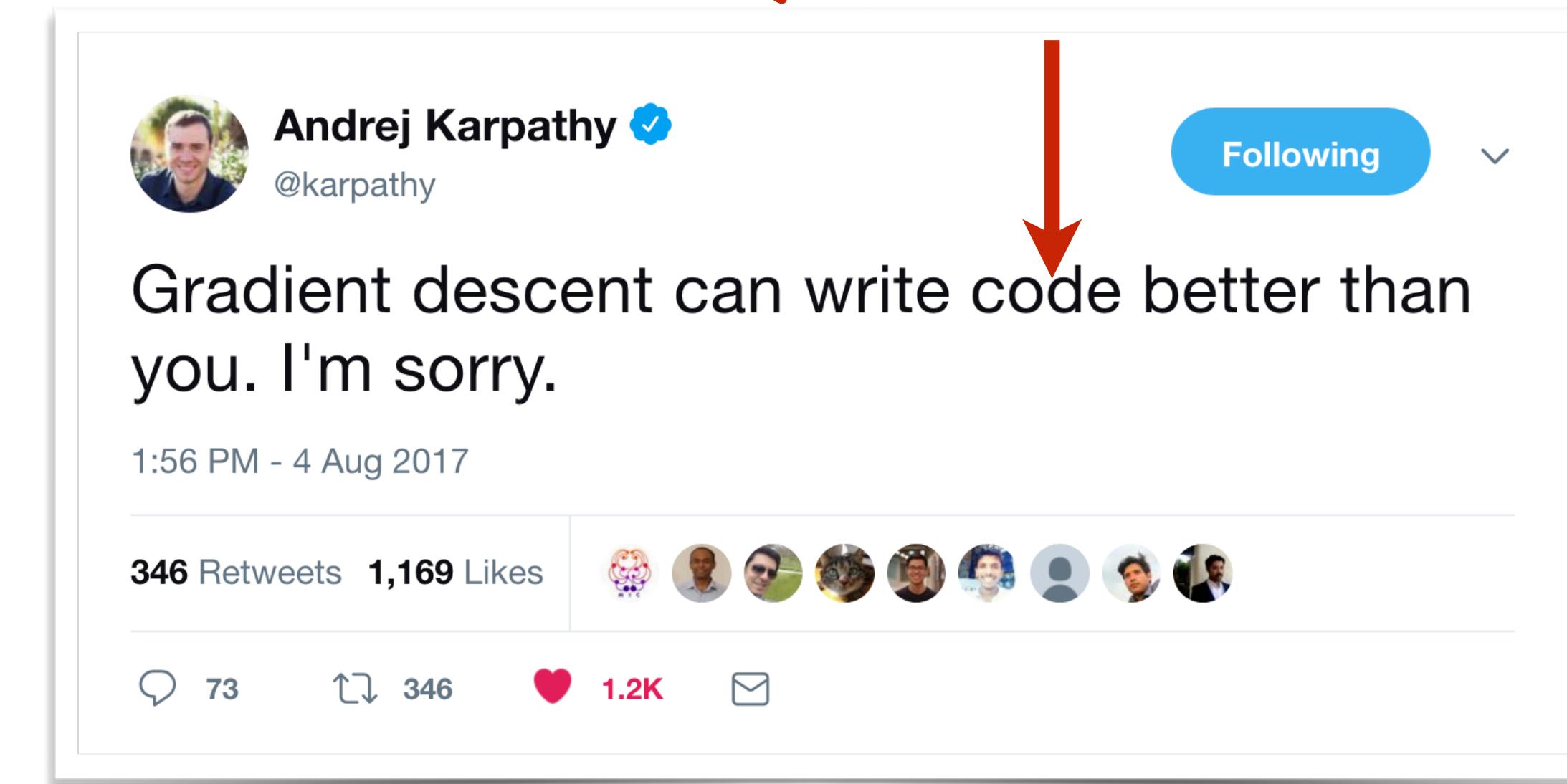


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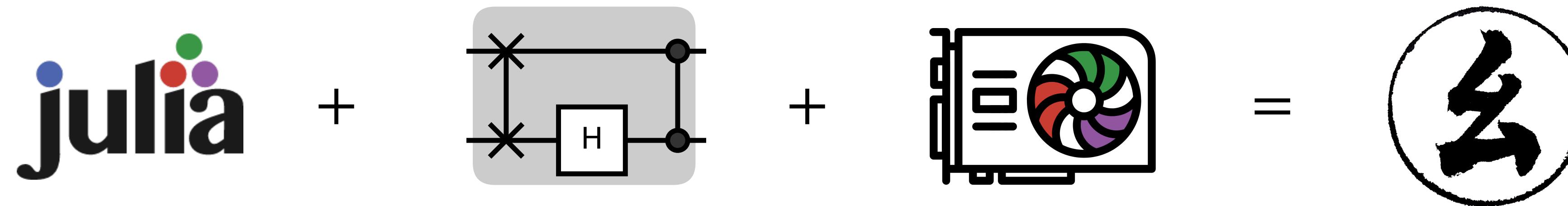
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Features:

- Differentiable programming quantum circuits
- Batched quantum register with GPU acceleration
- Quantum block intermediate representation

QuAlgorithmZoo

YaoExtensions

CUDA specializations

YaoSym

YaoBlocks . AD

YaoBlocks

YaoArrayRegister

YaoBase

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CuYao

BitBasis

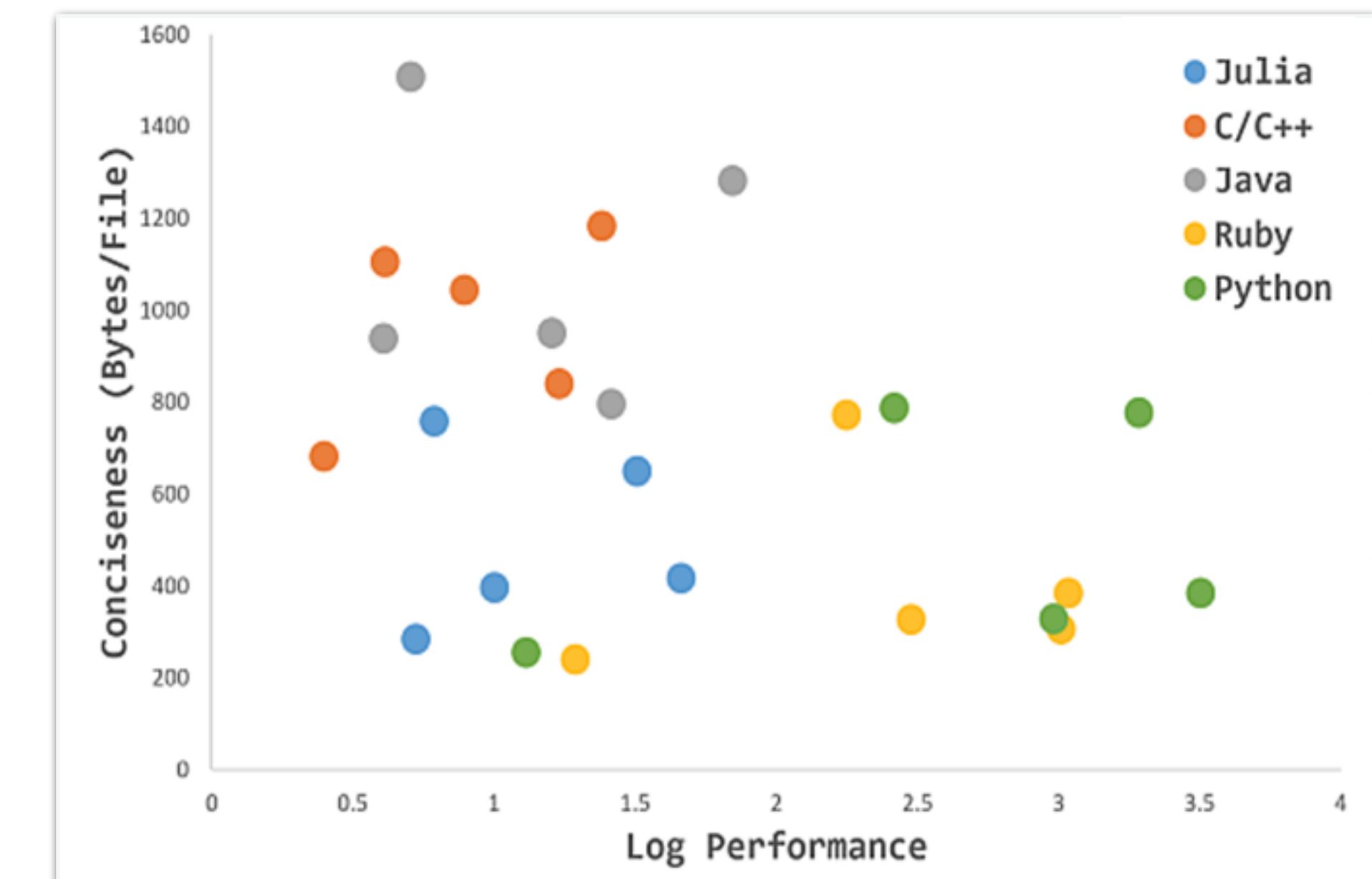
LuxurySparse

Stacks of Yao

<https://github.com/QuantumBFS>

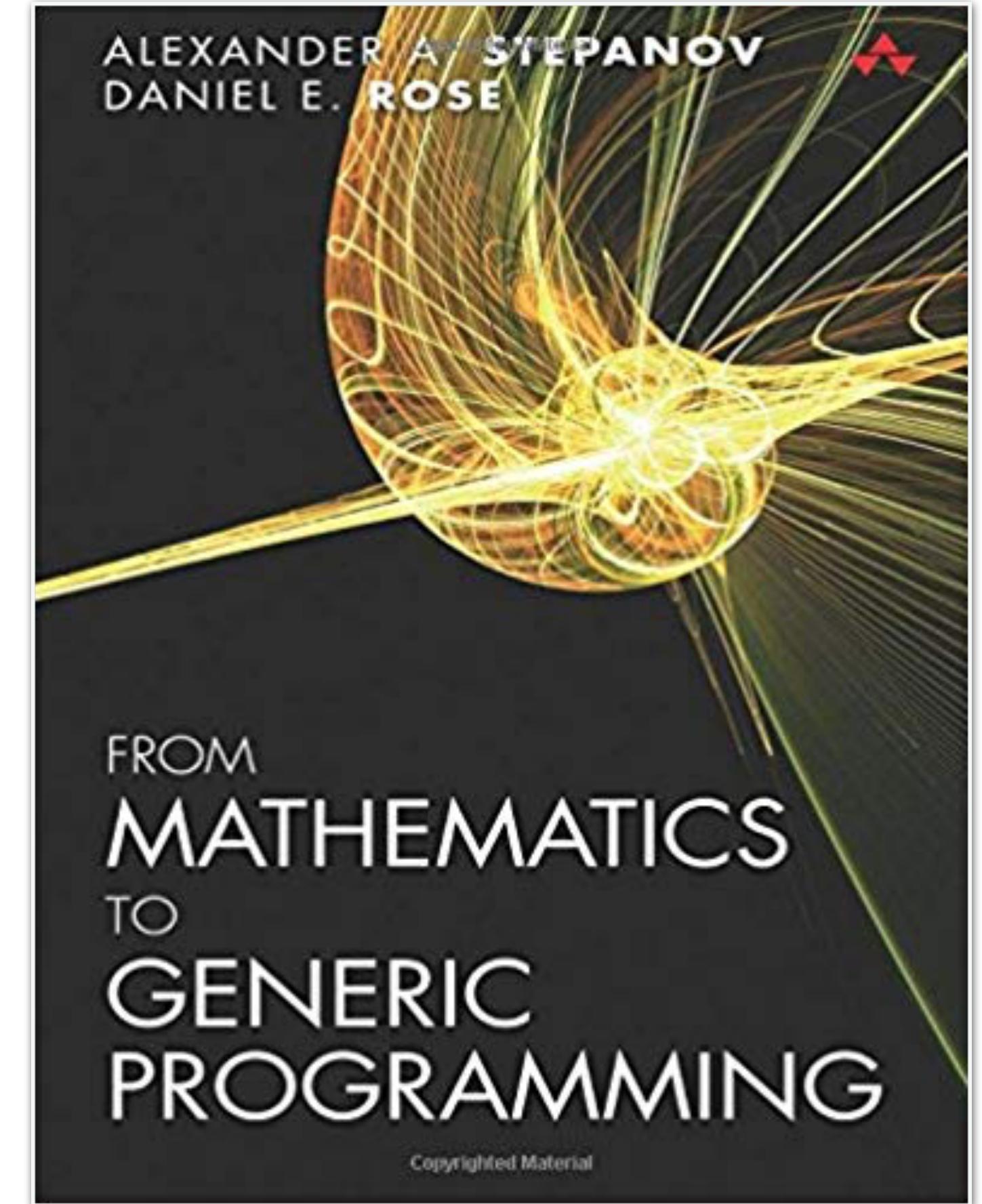
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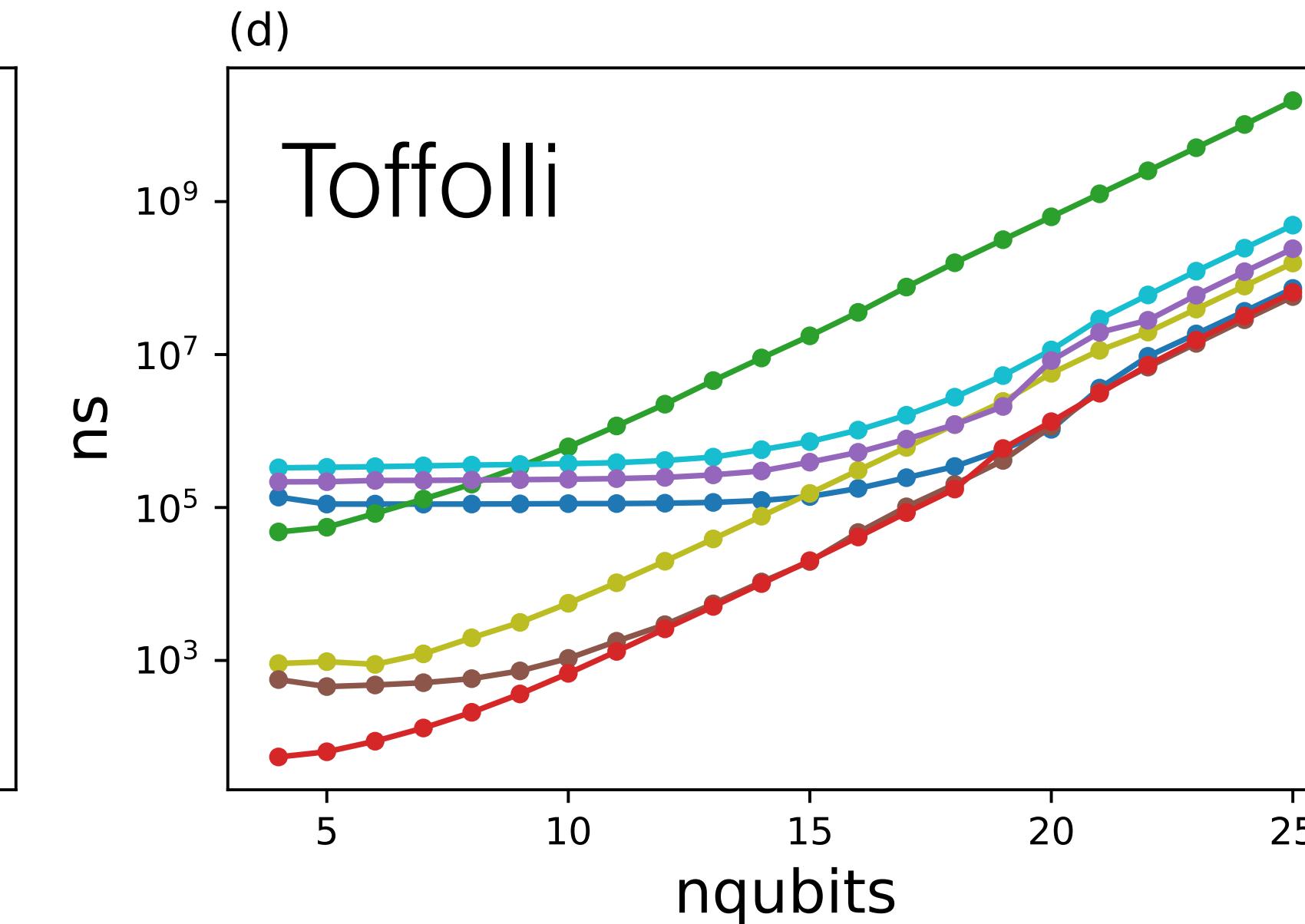
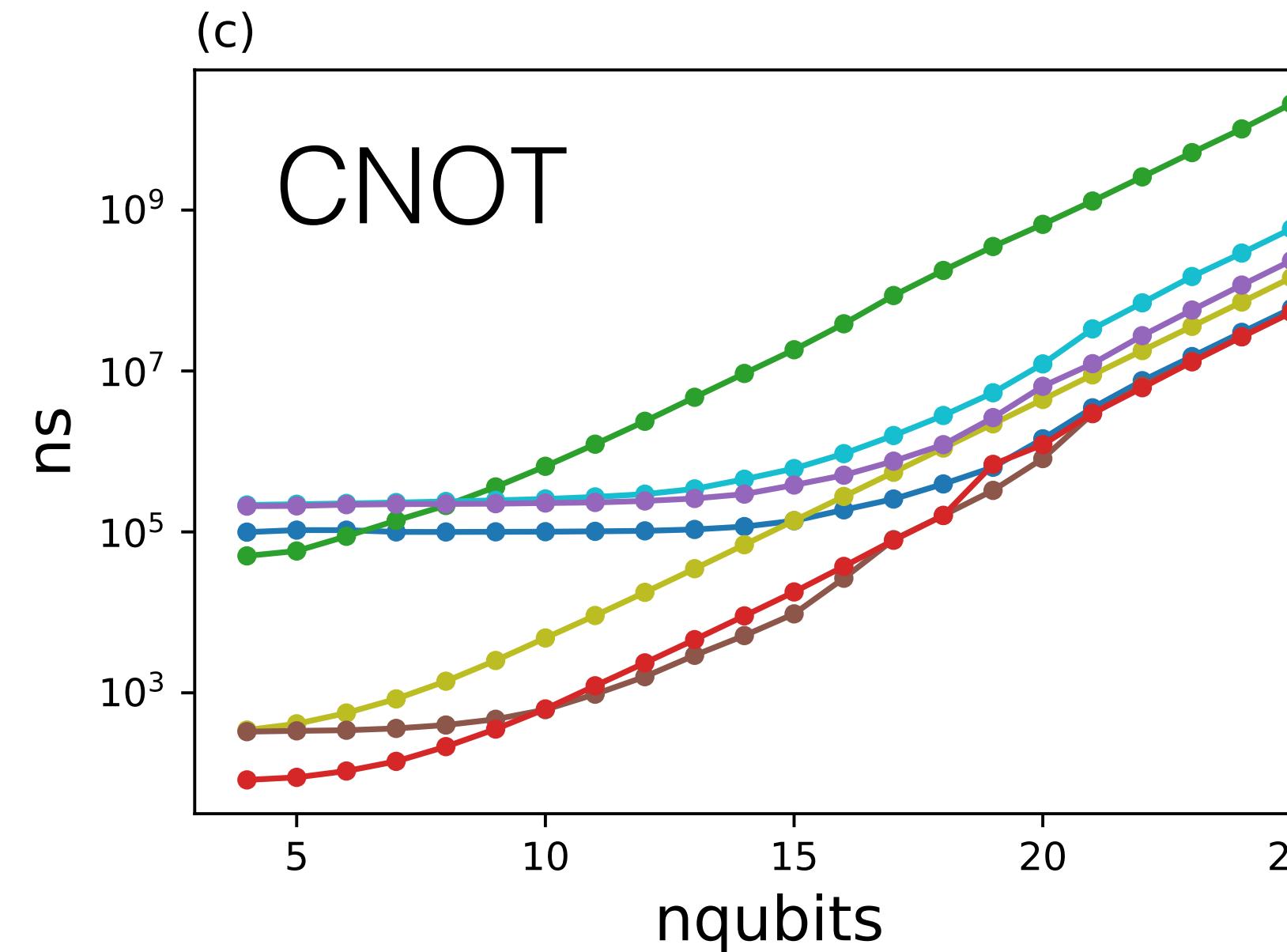
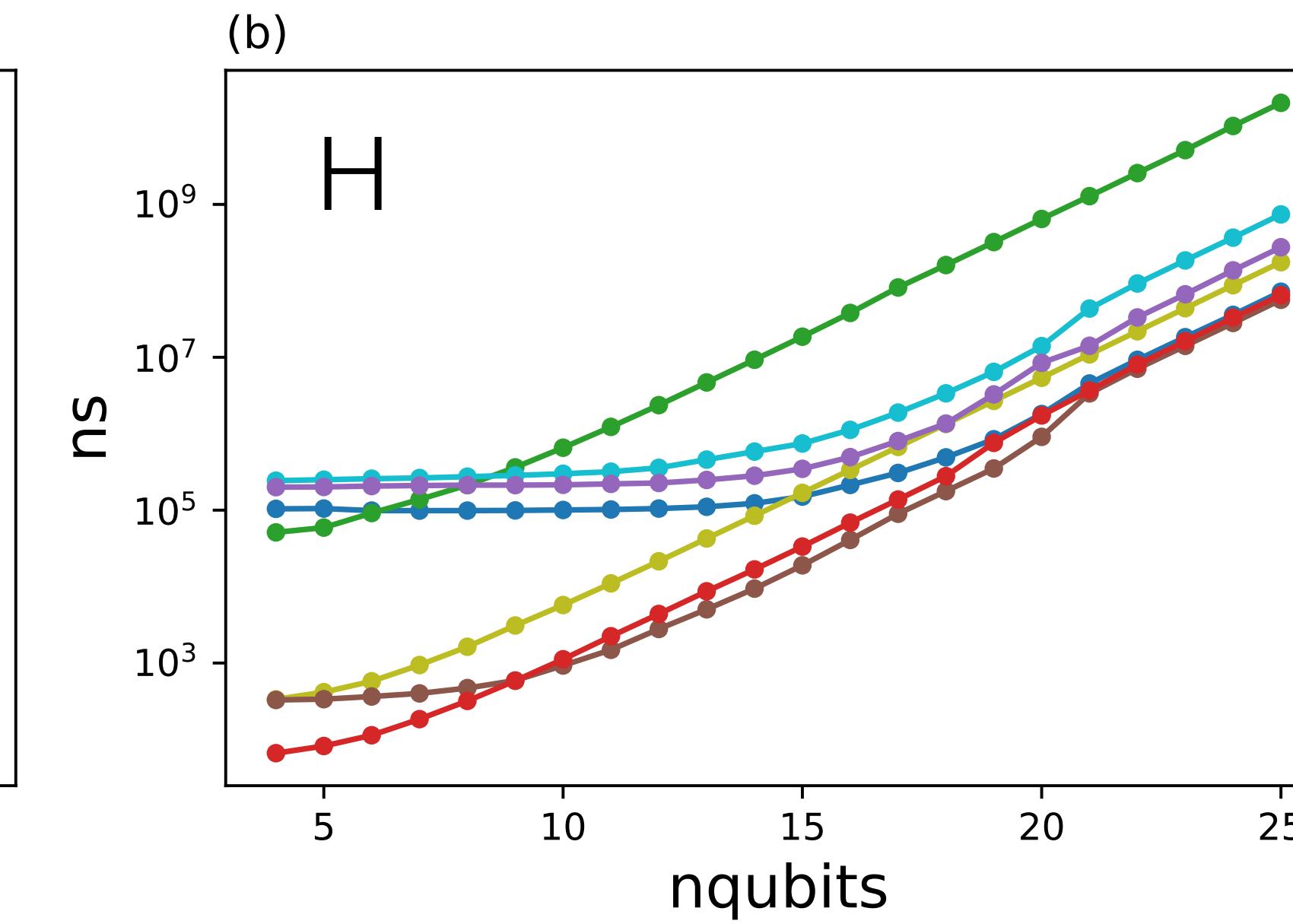
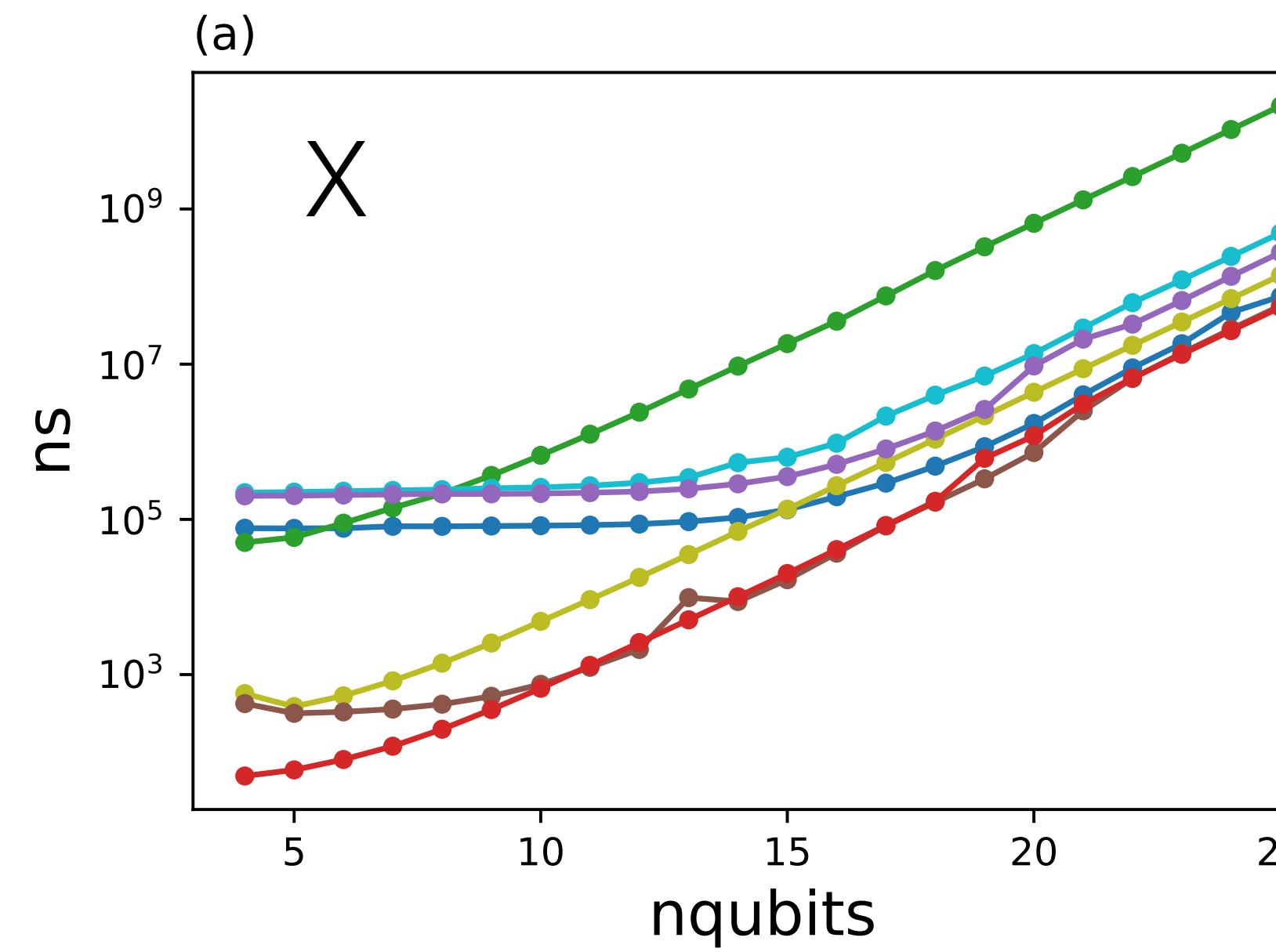
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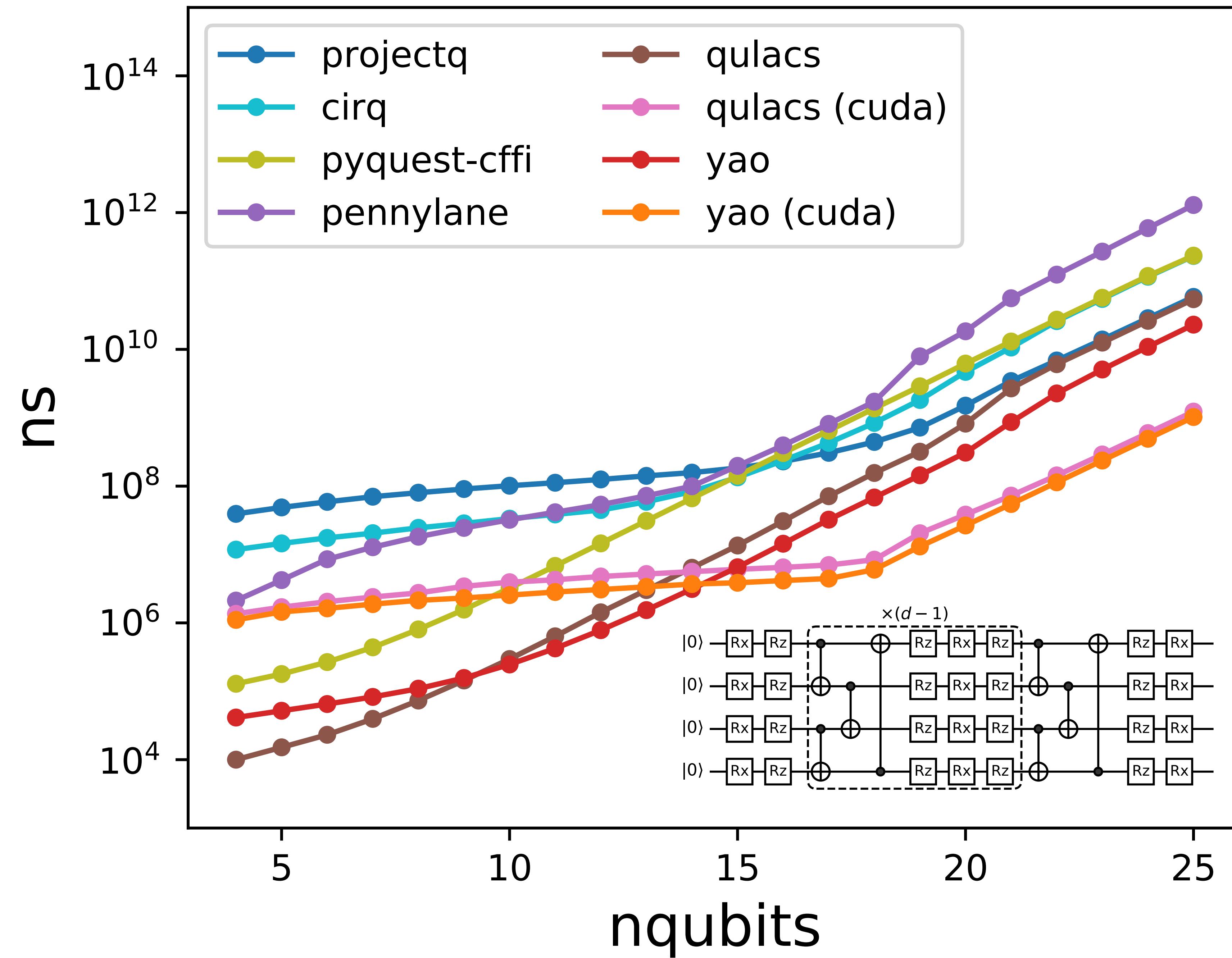


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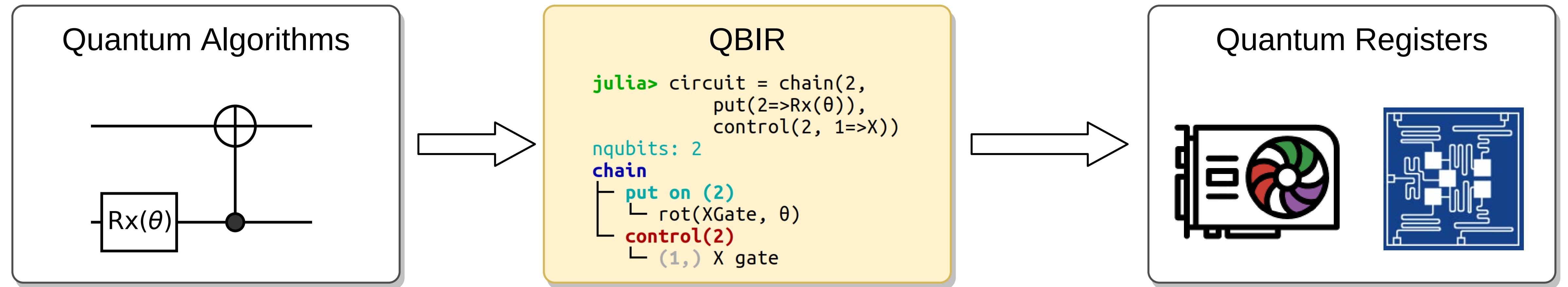
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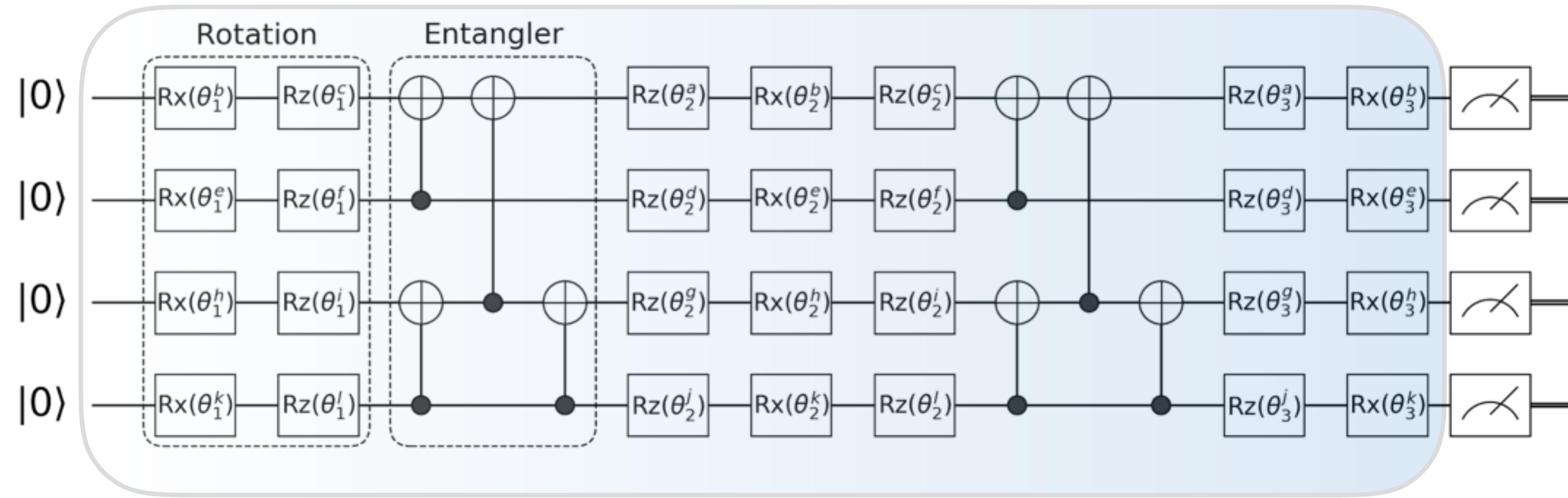
Quantum Block Intermediate Representation



Demo 2

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Differentiable¹ quantum circuits



**Write your simulator as a machine learning model
Isn't that obvious ?**

Differentiable programming tools

HIPS/autograd

PyTorch



theano

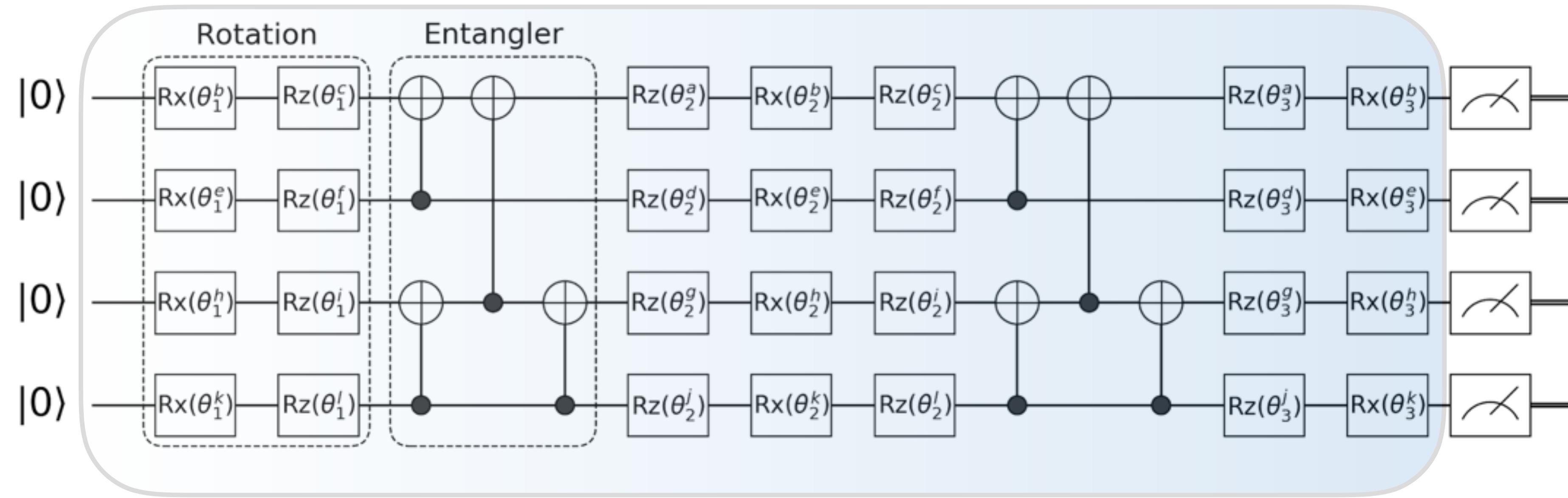
TensorFlow

Keras

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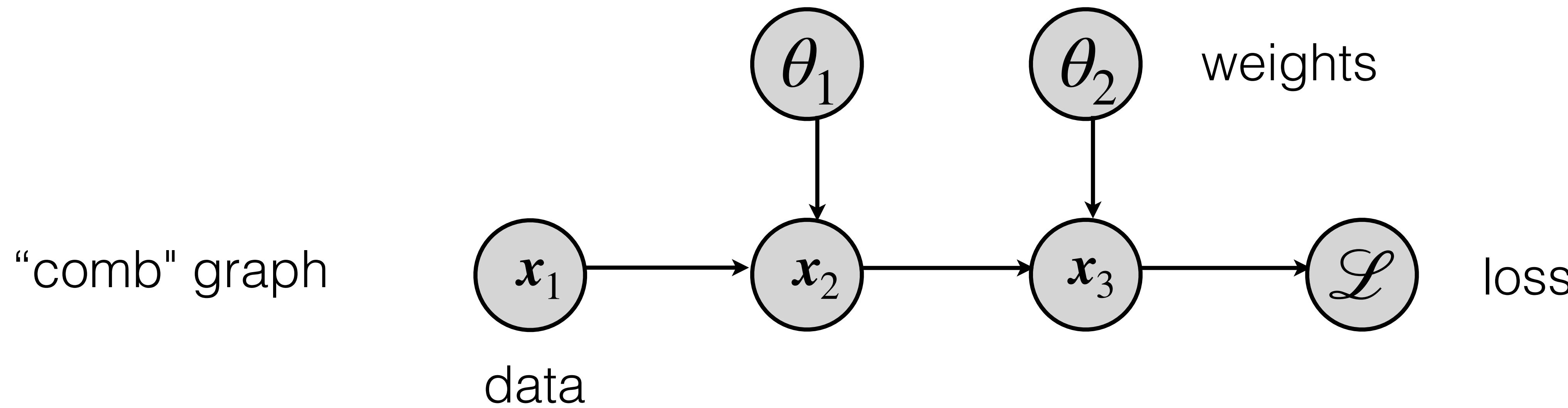
Zygote

Differentiable¹ quantum circuits



**Even better: quantum computing is reversible!
Backpropagation with $O(1)$ memory in classical simulation**

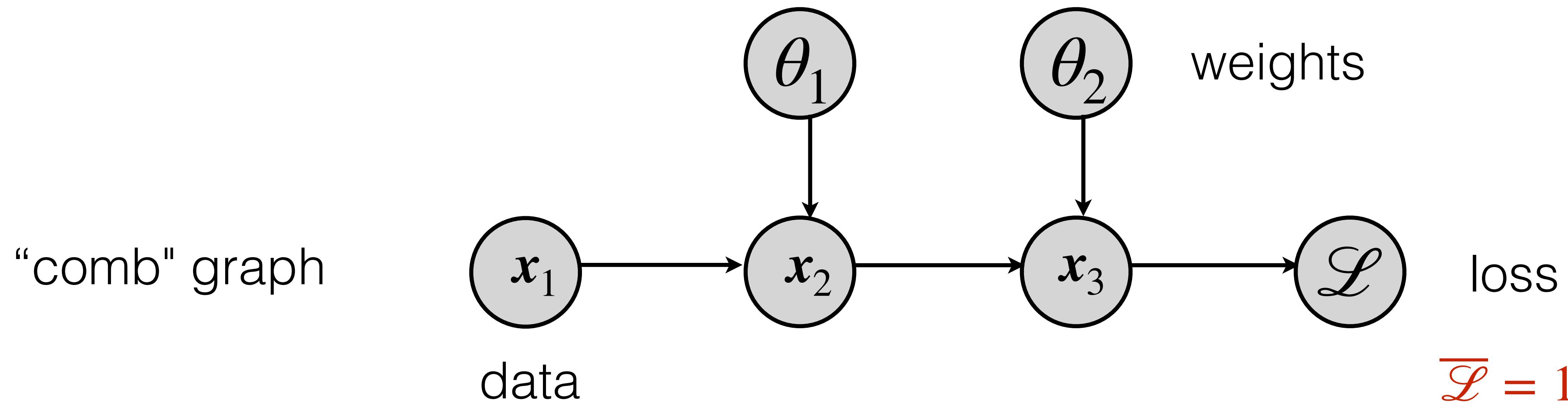
Automatic differentiation on computation graph



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Pullback the adjoint through the graph

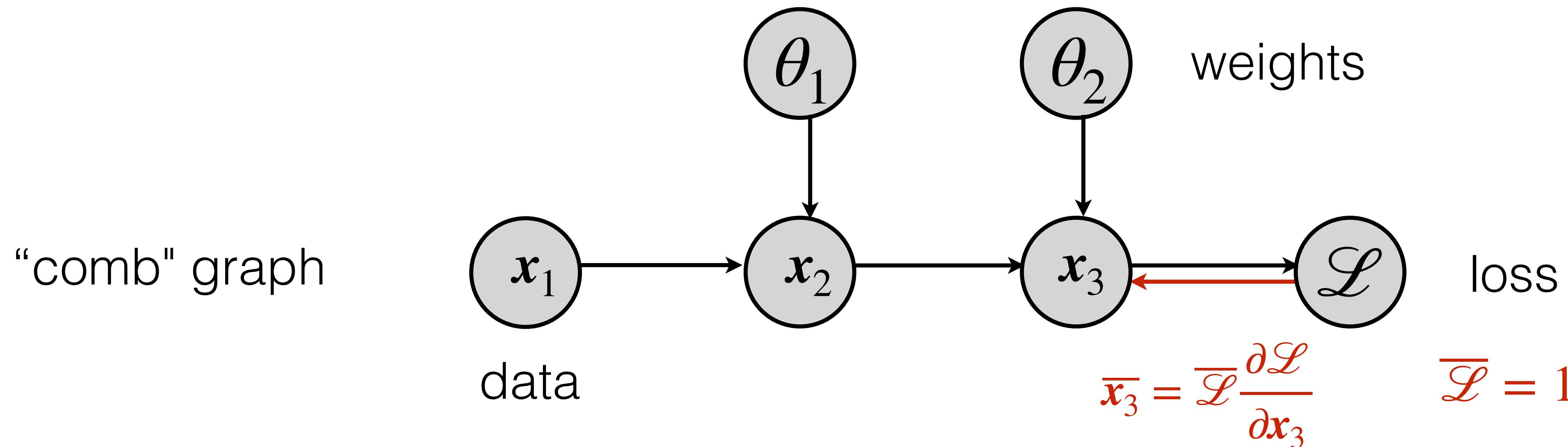
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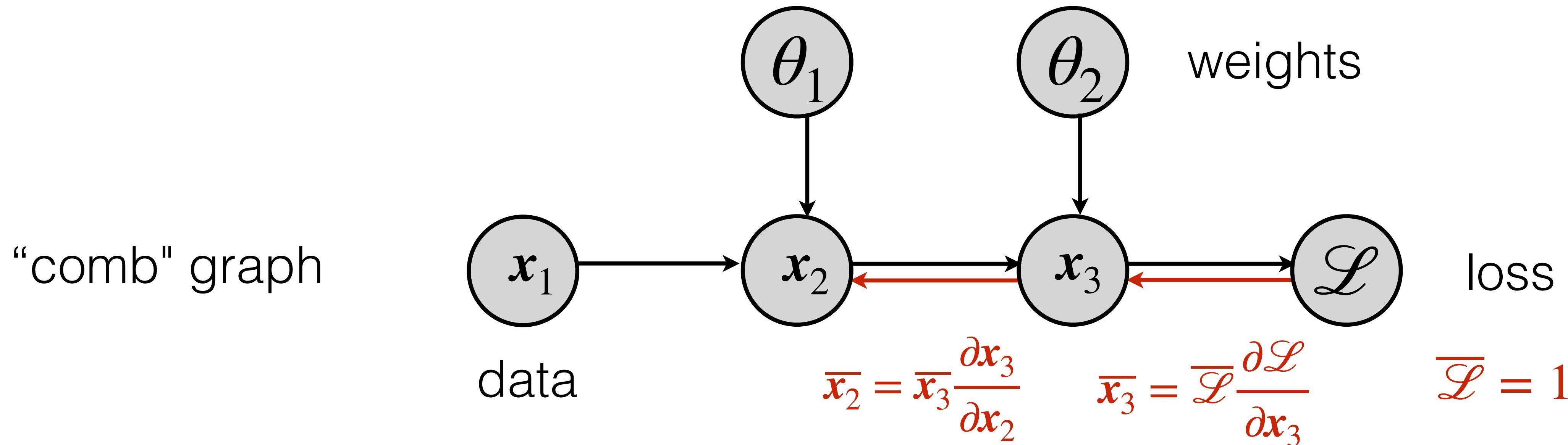
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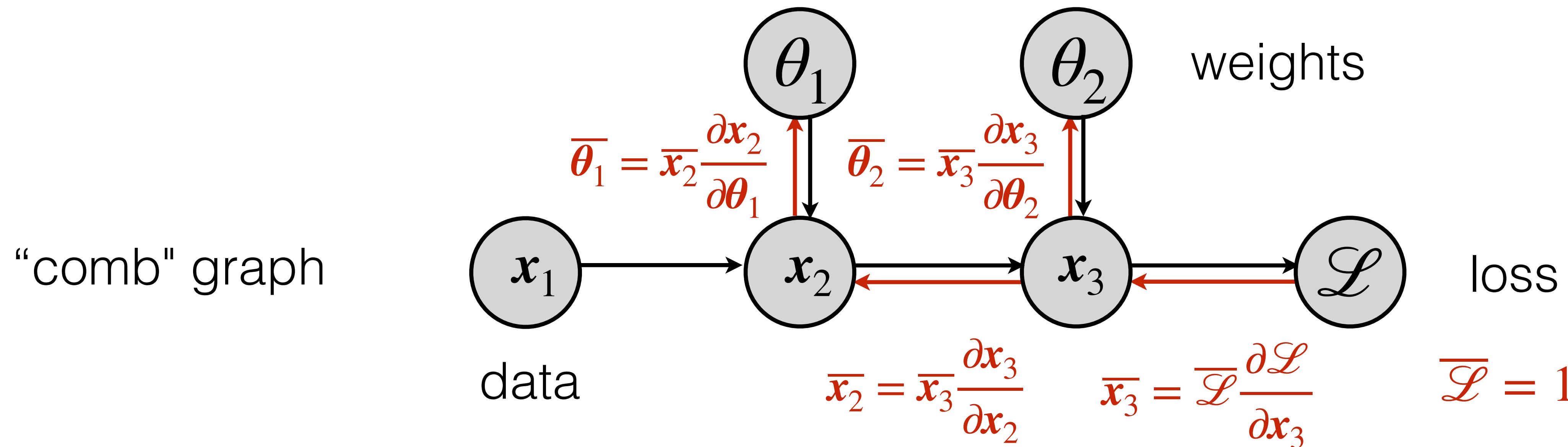
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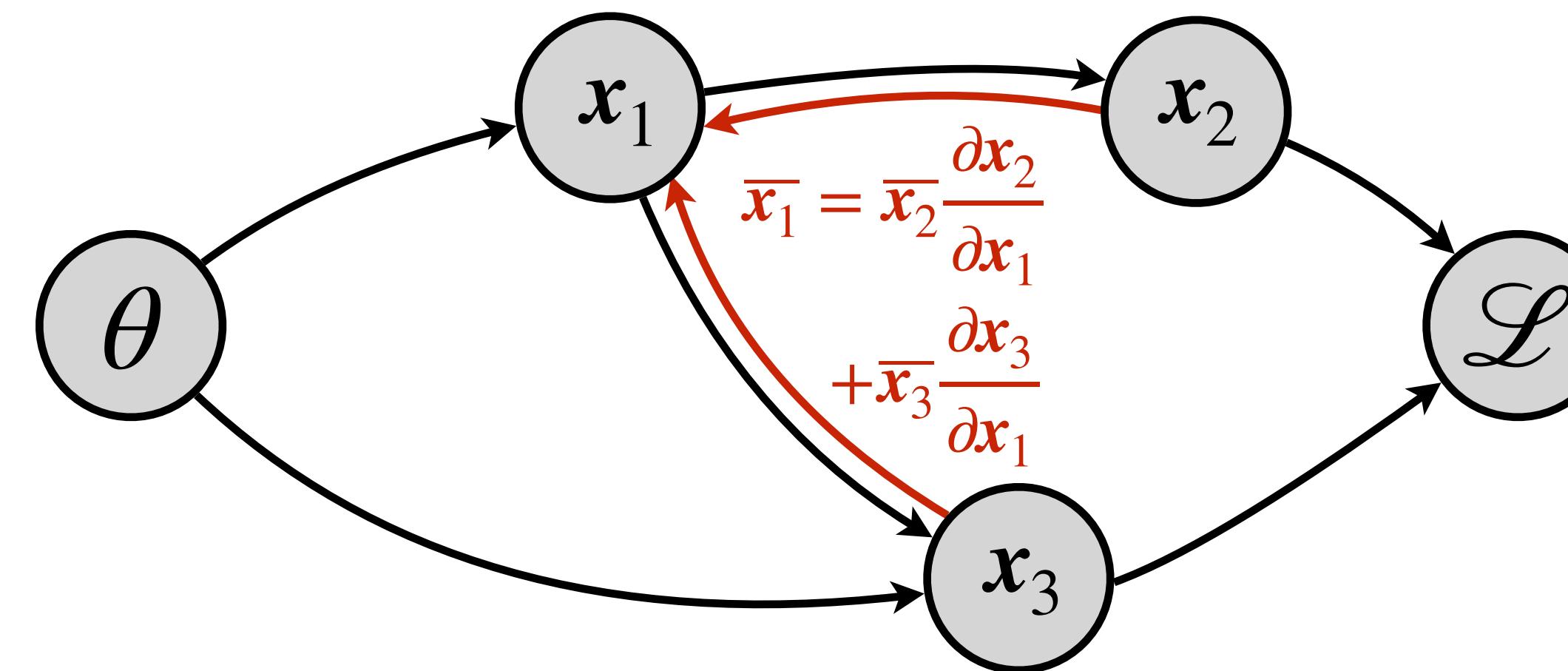


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acyclic graph

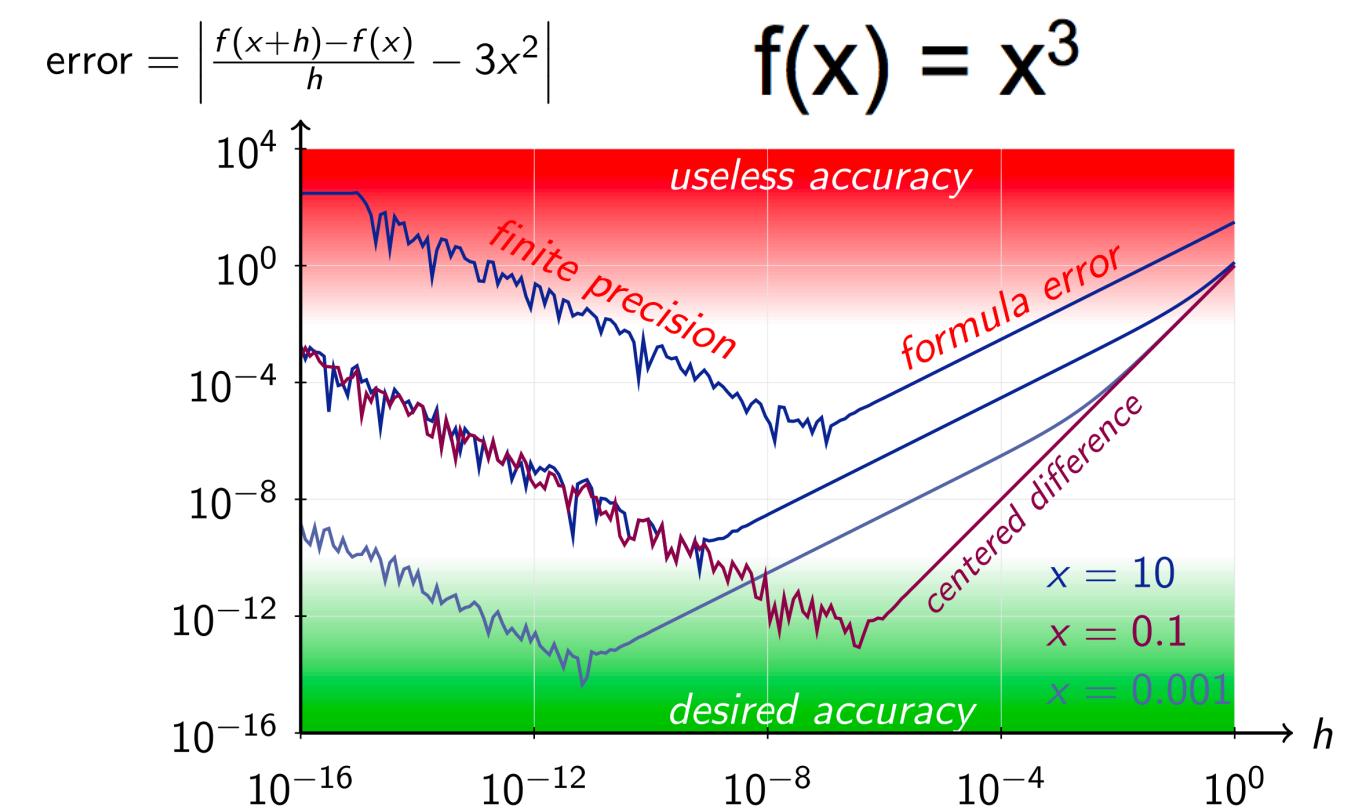


$$\bar{x}_i = \sum_{j: \text{child of } i} \bar{x}_j \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_i} \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\mathcal{L}} = 1$$

Message passing for the adjoint at each node

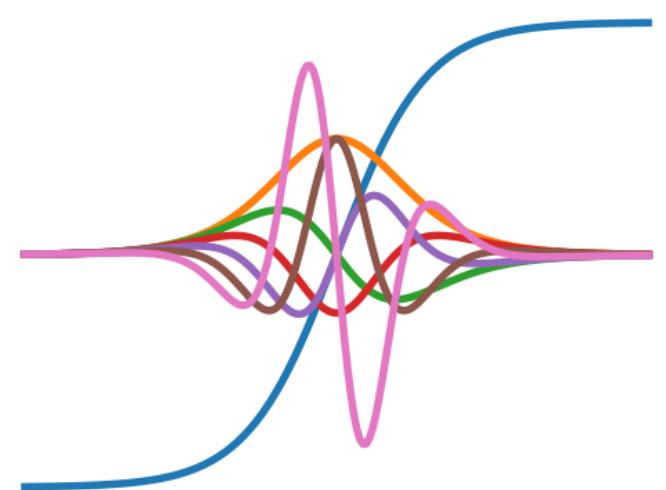
Advantages of automatic differentiation

- Accurate to the machine precision



- Same computational complexity as the function evaluation:
Baur-Strassen theorem '83

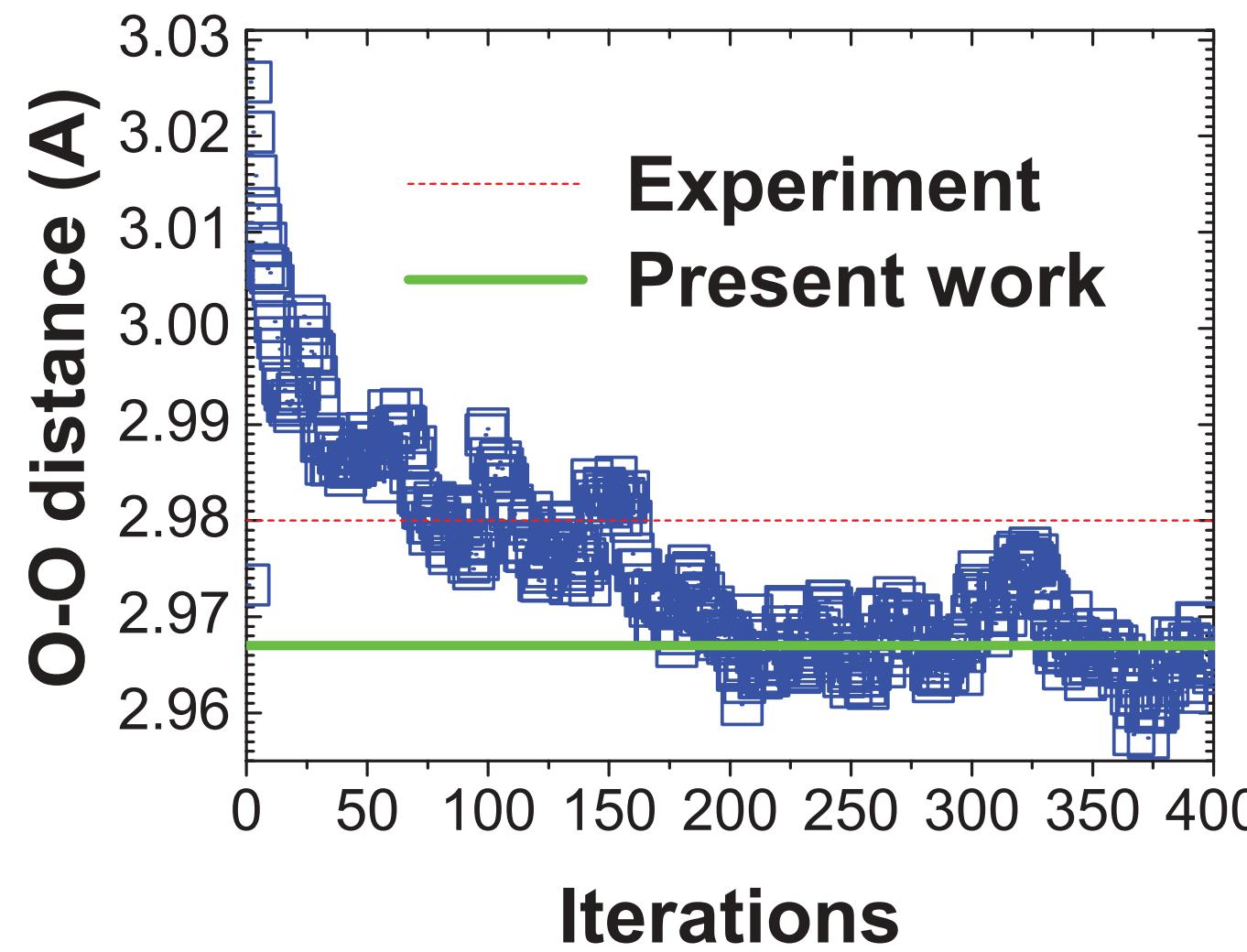
- Supports higher order gradients



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>>> from autograd import elementwise_grad as egrad # for functions that vectorize over inputs
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> x = np.linspace(-7, 7, 200)
>>> plt.plot(x, tanh(x),
...             x, egrad(tanh)(x),
...             x, egrad(egrad(tanh))(x),
...             x, egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh)))(x),
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...             x, egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh))))))(x))
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...             # first derivative
...             # second derivative
...             # third derivative
...             # fourth derivative
...             # fifth derivative
...             # sixth derivative
>>> plt.show()
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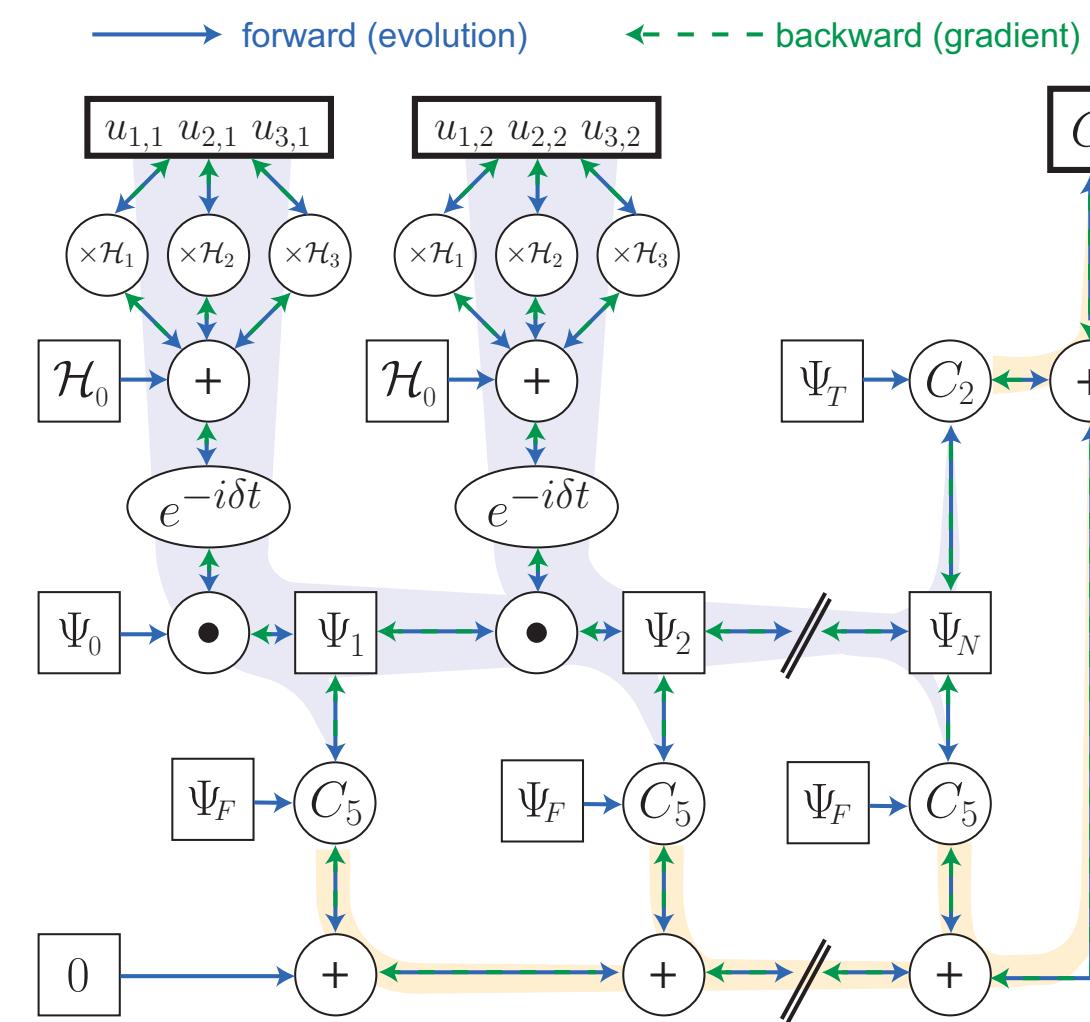
Applications of AD

Computing force



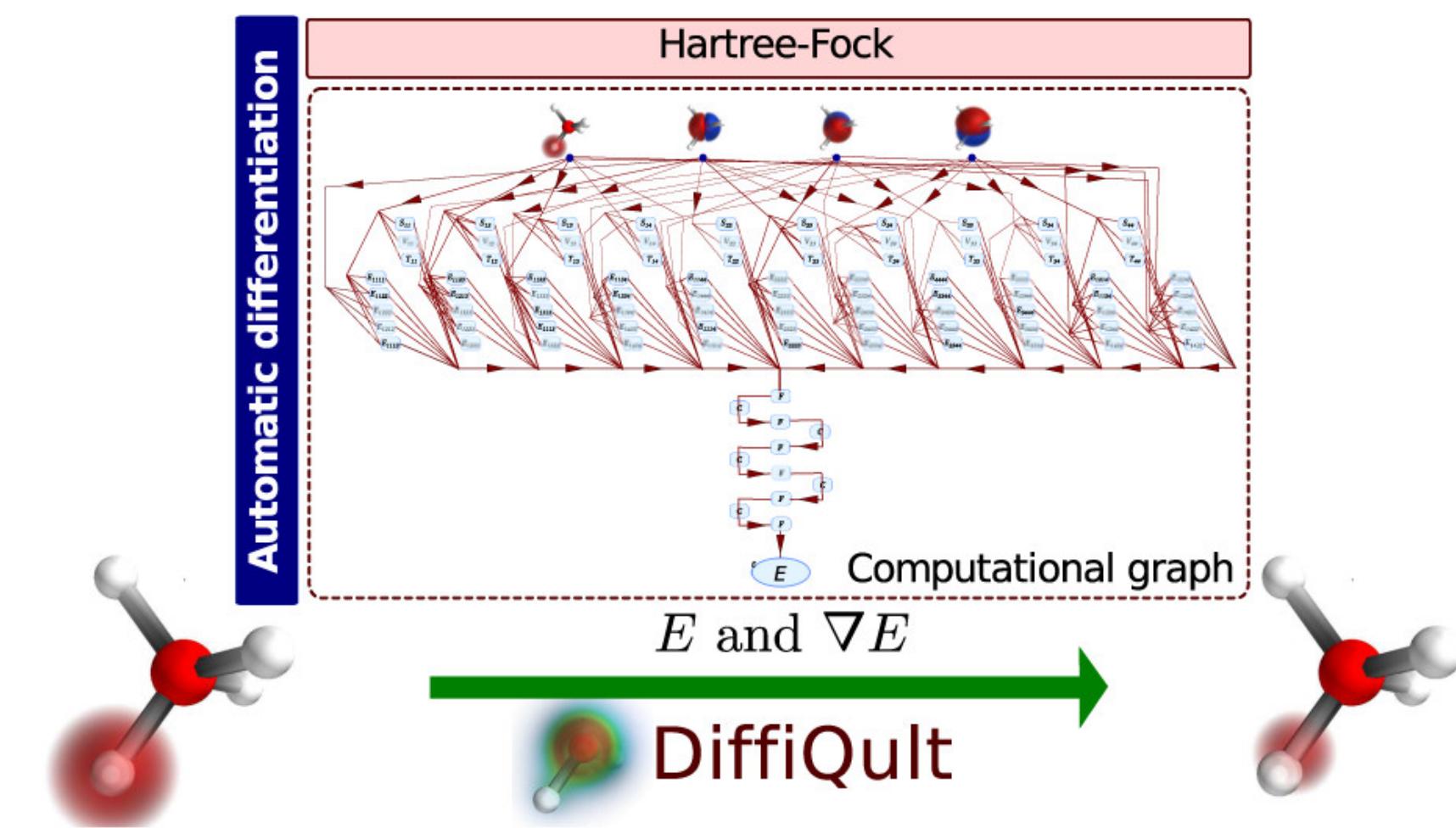
Sorella and Capriotti
J. Chem. Phys. '10

Quantum optimal control



Leung et al
PRA '17

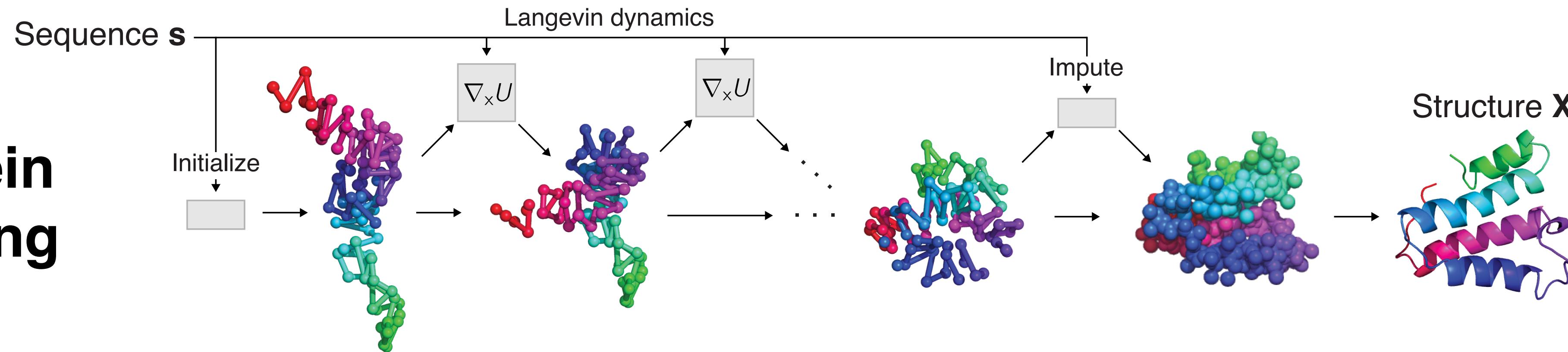
Variational Hartree-Fock



Tamayo-Mendoza et al
ACS Cent. Sci. '18

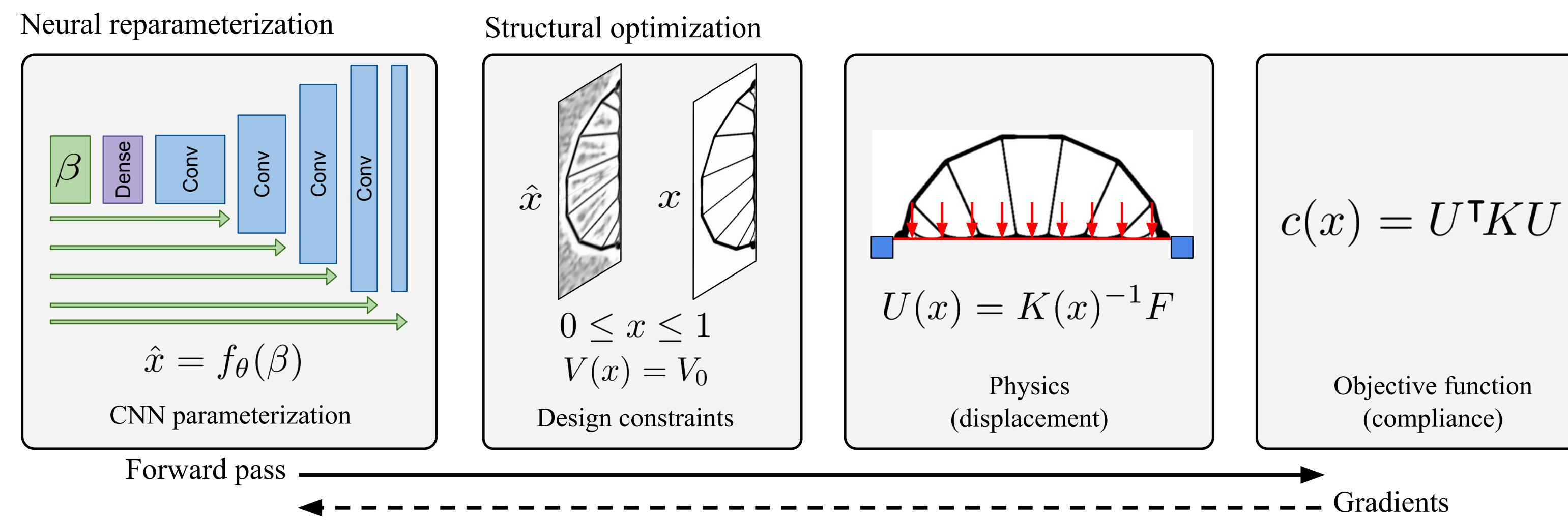
More Applications...

Protein Folding



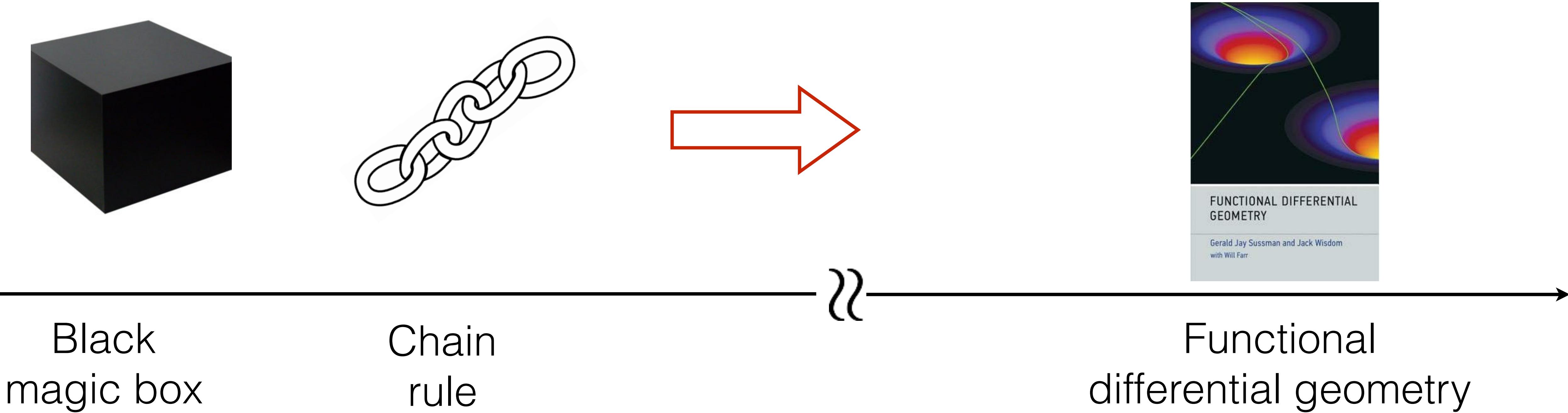
Ingraham et al
ICLR '19

Structural Optimization



Hoyer et al
1909.04240

Understandings of AD



[https://colab.research.google.com/
github/google/jax/blob/master/
notebooks/autodiff_cookbook.ipynb](https://colab.research.google.com/github/google/jax/blob/master/notebooks/autodiff_cookbook.ipynb)

Reverse versus forward mode

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_{n-1}} \dots \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta}}_{\longrightarrow}$$

Reverse mode AD: Vector-Jacobian Product of primitives

- Backtrace the computation graph
- Needs to store intermediate results
- Efficient for graphs with large fan-in

$$v_o (J)_{o \times i}$$

Backpropagation = Reverse mode AD applied to neural networks

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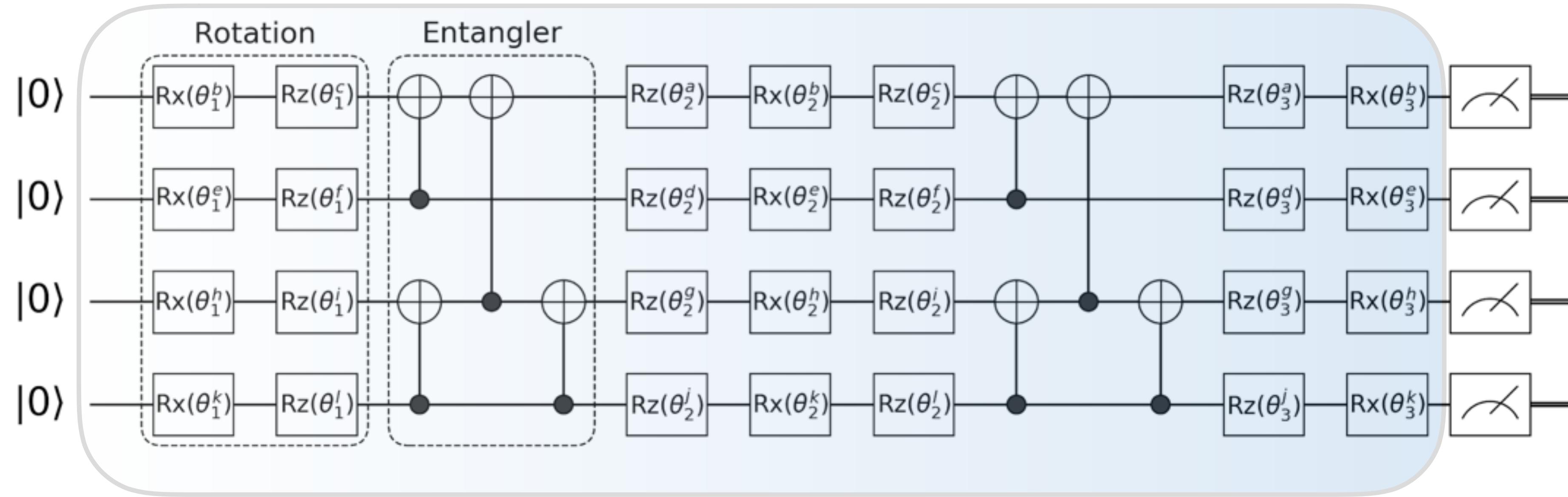
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Forward mode AD: Jacobian-Vector Product of primitives

- Same order with the function evaluation $(J)_{o \times i} v_i$
- No storage overhead
- Efficient for graph with large fan-out

Less efficient for scalar output, but useful for higher-order derivatives

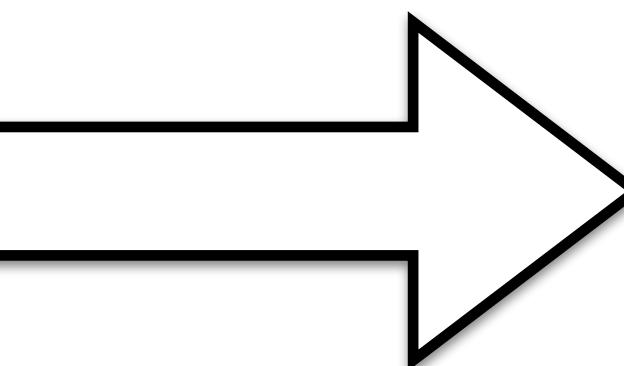
Differentiable² quantum circuits



Parametrized gate of the form

$$e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}\sum} \text{ with } \sum^2 = 1$$

eg, X, Y, Z, CNOT, SWAP...



Li et al, PRL '17, Mitarai et al, PRA '18
Schuld et al, PRA '19, Nakanishi et al '19

$$\nabla \langle H \rangle_\theta = (\langle H \rangle_{\theta+\pi/2} - \langle H \rangle_{\theta-\pi/2})/2$$

Unbiased gradient estimator measured on actual quantum circuits

Demo 3

<https://github.com/wangleiphy/YaoTutorial>

Applications of Yao.jl

Quantum machine learning:

Differentiable Learning of Quantum Circuit Born Machine, 1804.04168

Learning and Inference on Generative Adversarial Quantum Circuits, 1808.03425

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Quantum many-body physics:

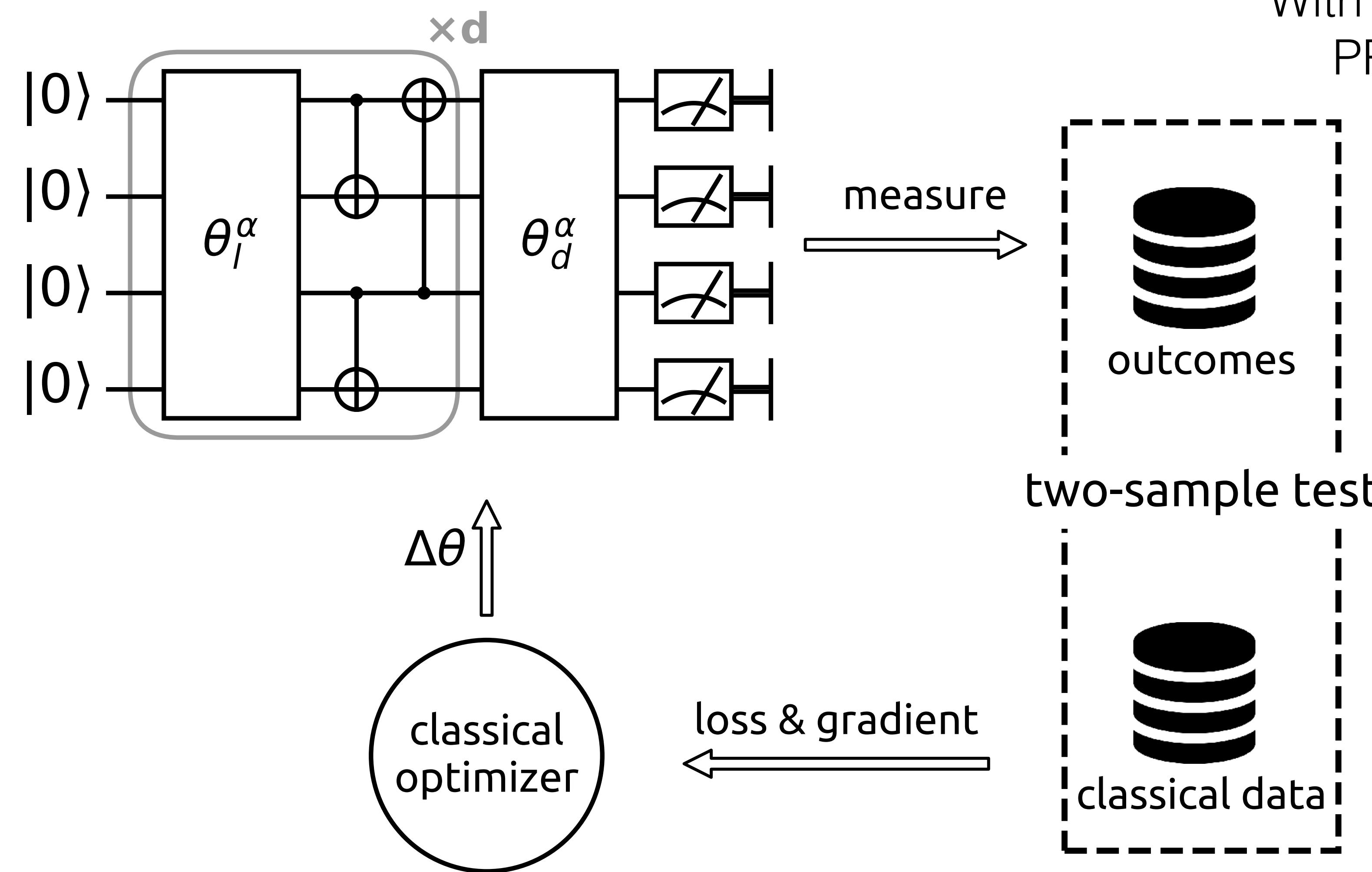
Variational Quantum Eigensolver with Fewer Qubits, 1902.02663

Solving Quantum Statistical Mechanics with VAN + Quantum Circuits, 1912.?????

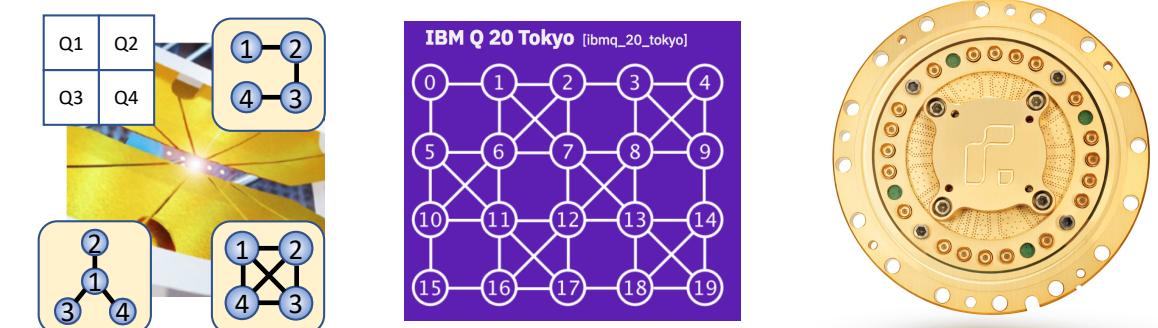
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Quantum Circuit Born Machine

With Liu, Zeng, Wu, Hu
PRA '18, PRA '19



Experiments:
1801.07686
1812.08862
1811.09905
1901.08047
1904.02214



Train quantum circuits as probabilistic generative models with implicit density
Strong expressibility due to quantum sampling complexity

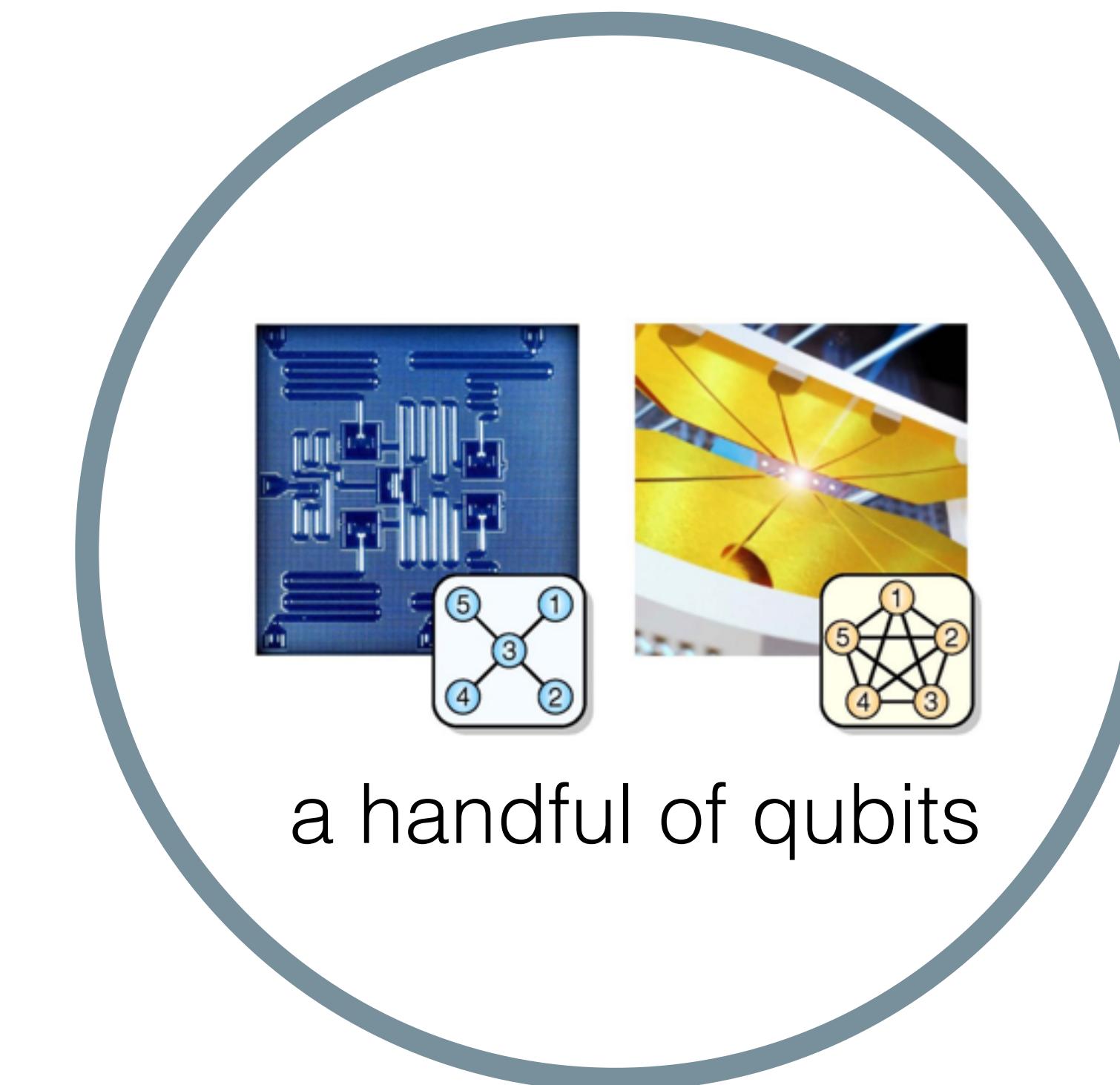
However, there is a **HUGE GAP** in the qubit number

What we want to solve



to infinity and beyond

What current technology offers

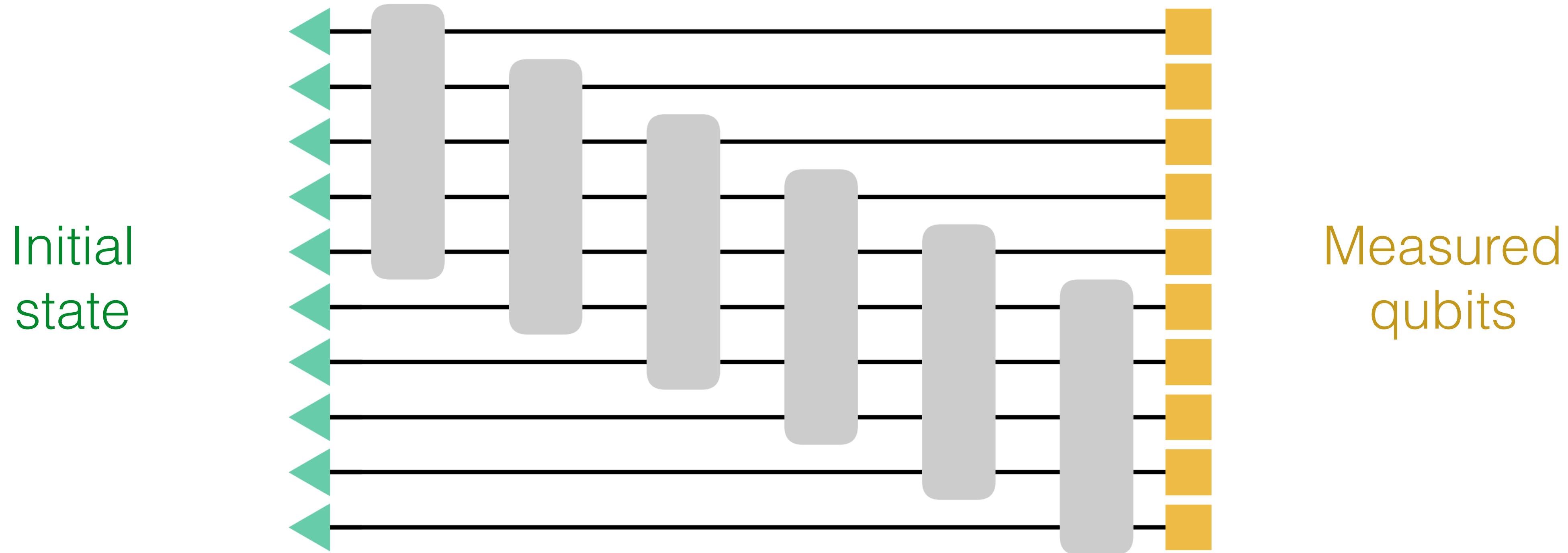


a handful of qubits

Variational quantum eigensolver with fewer qubits

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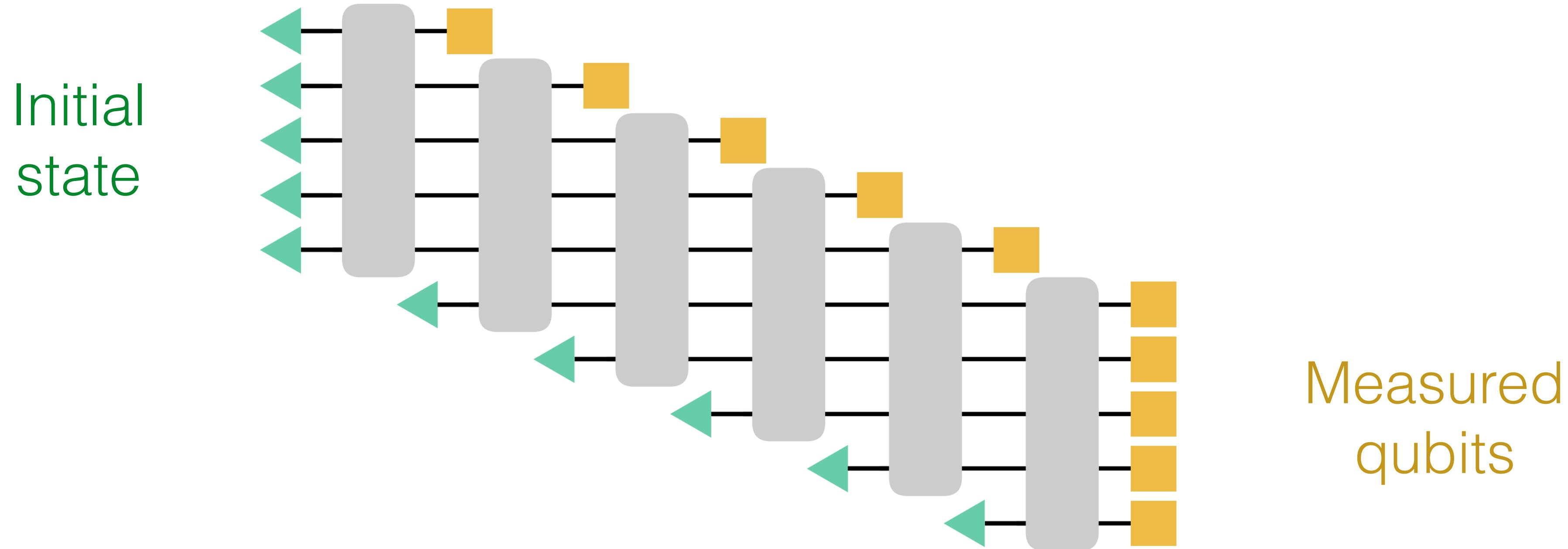
A qubit efficient variational circuit



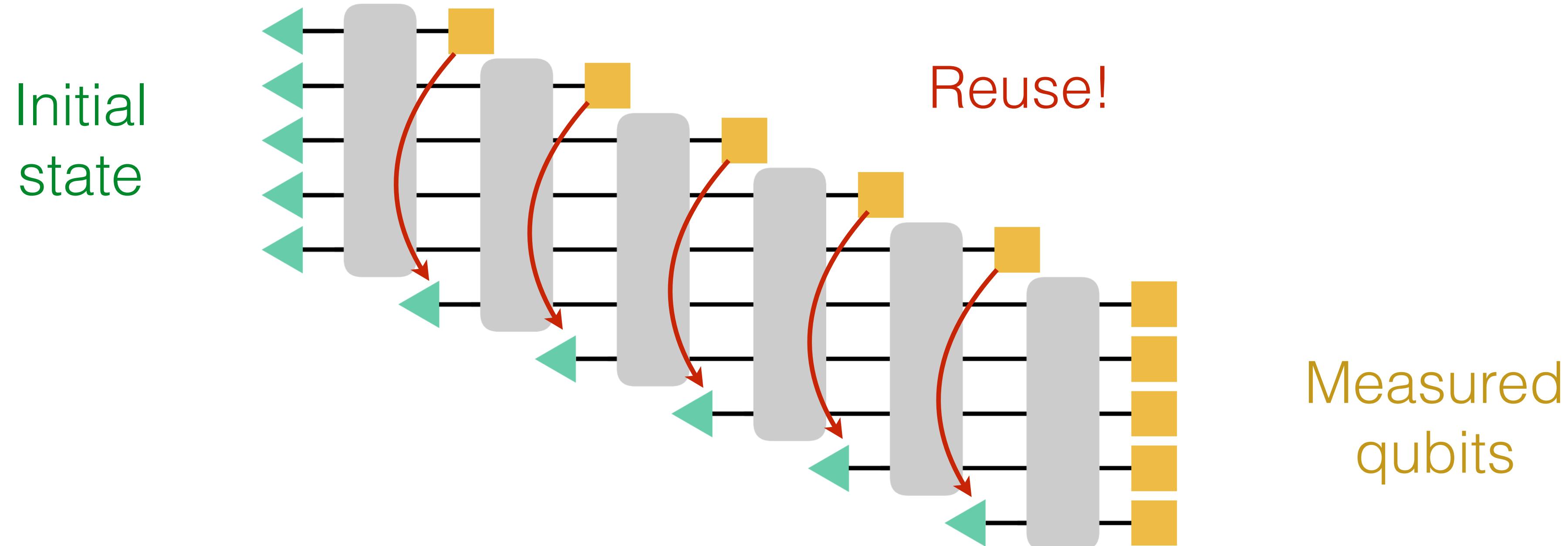
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see also Cramer et al, Nat. Comm. '10

Tensor network inspired quantum circuit architecture

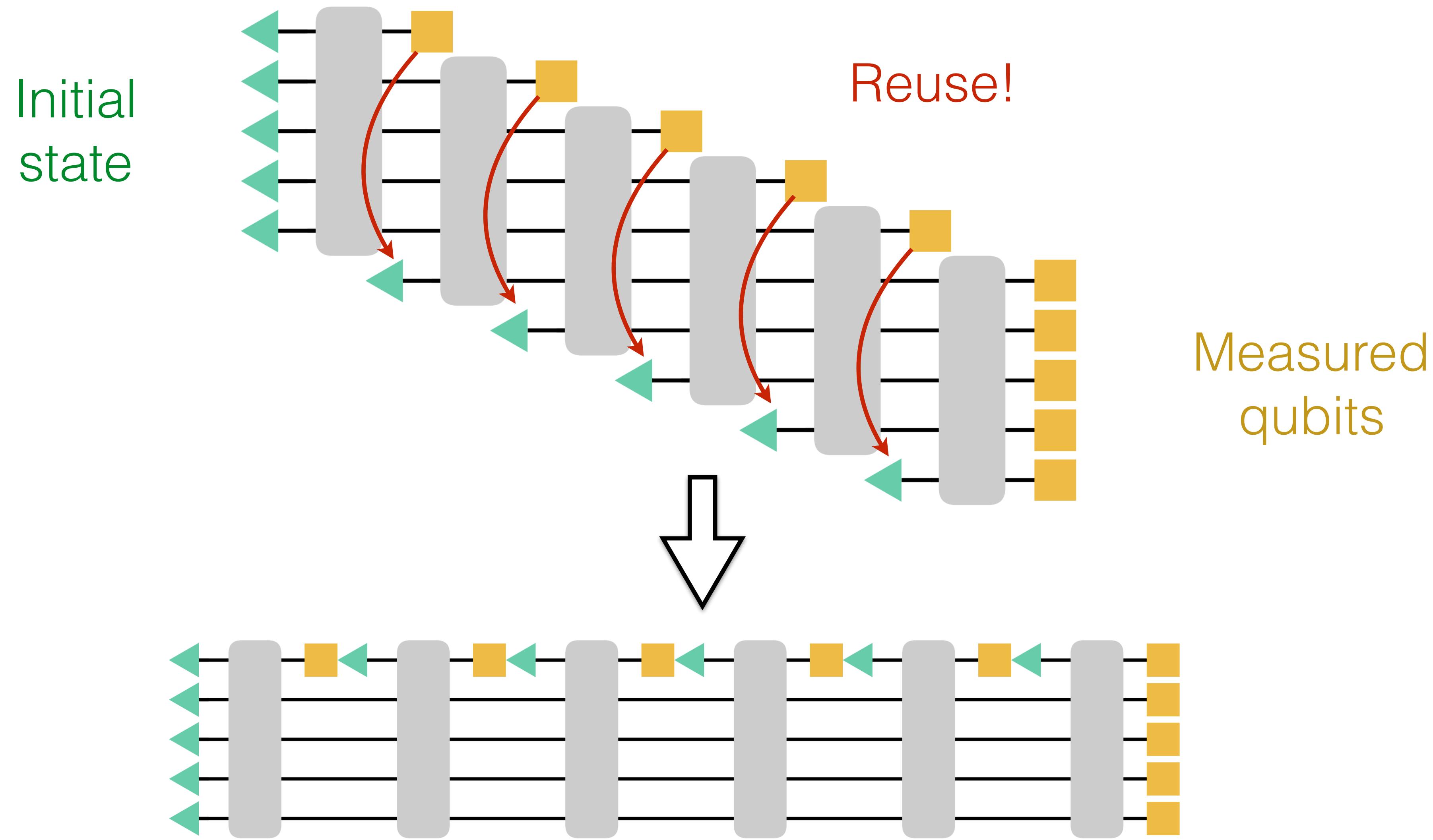
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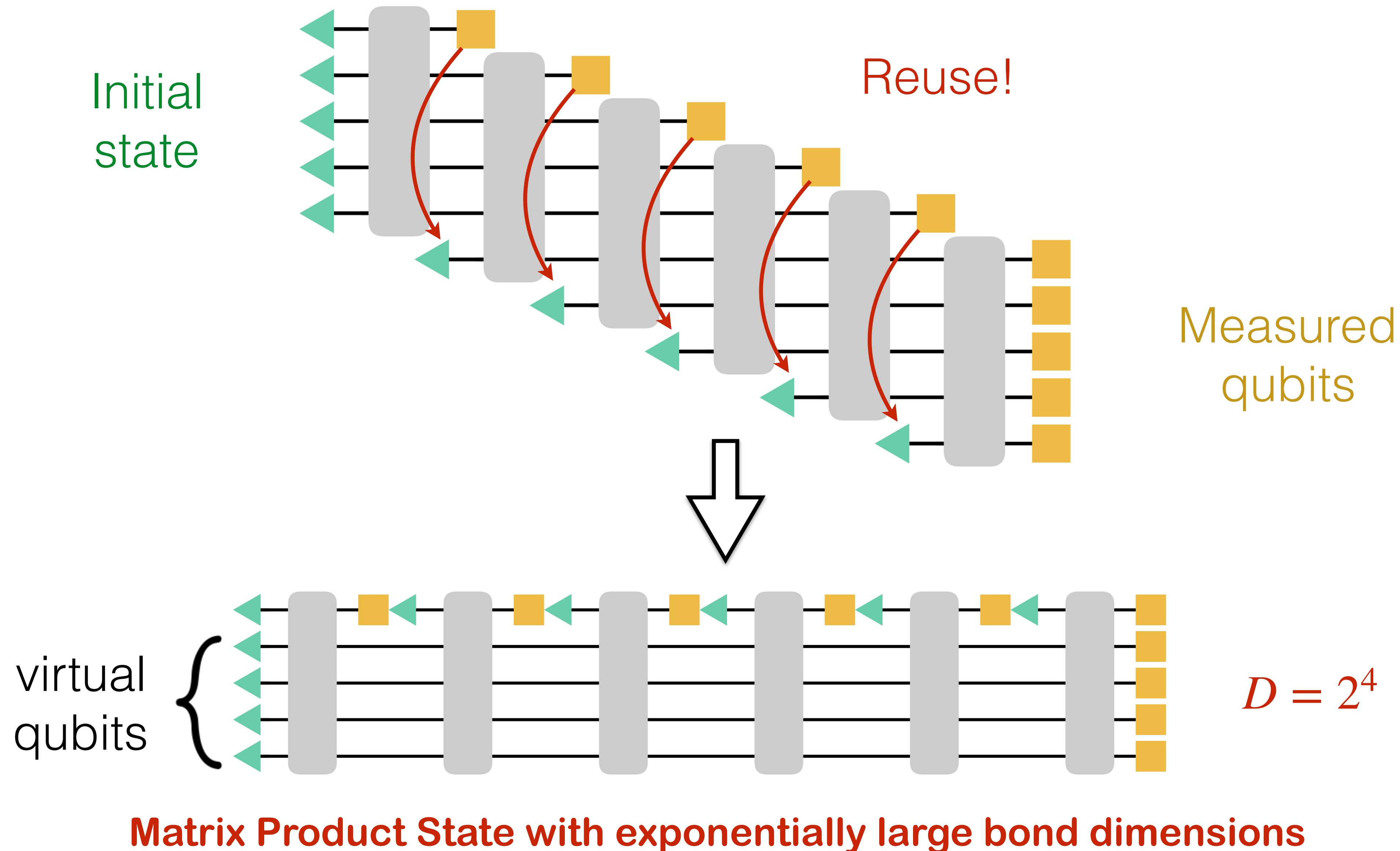


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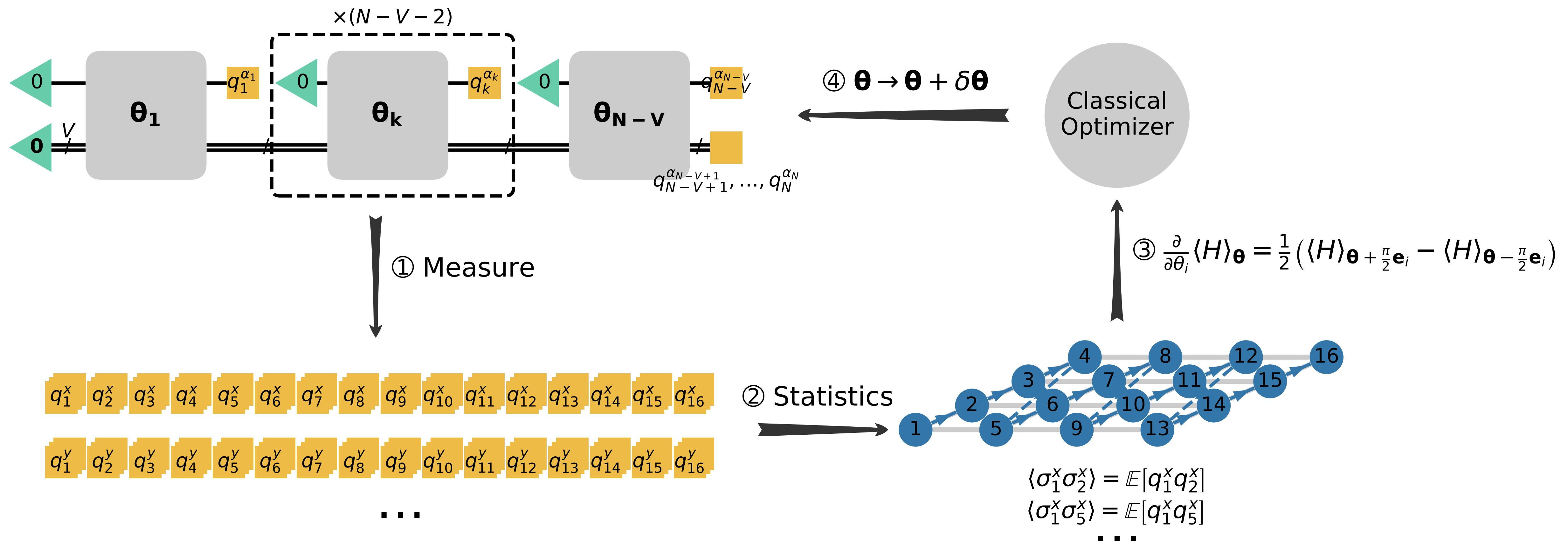


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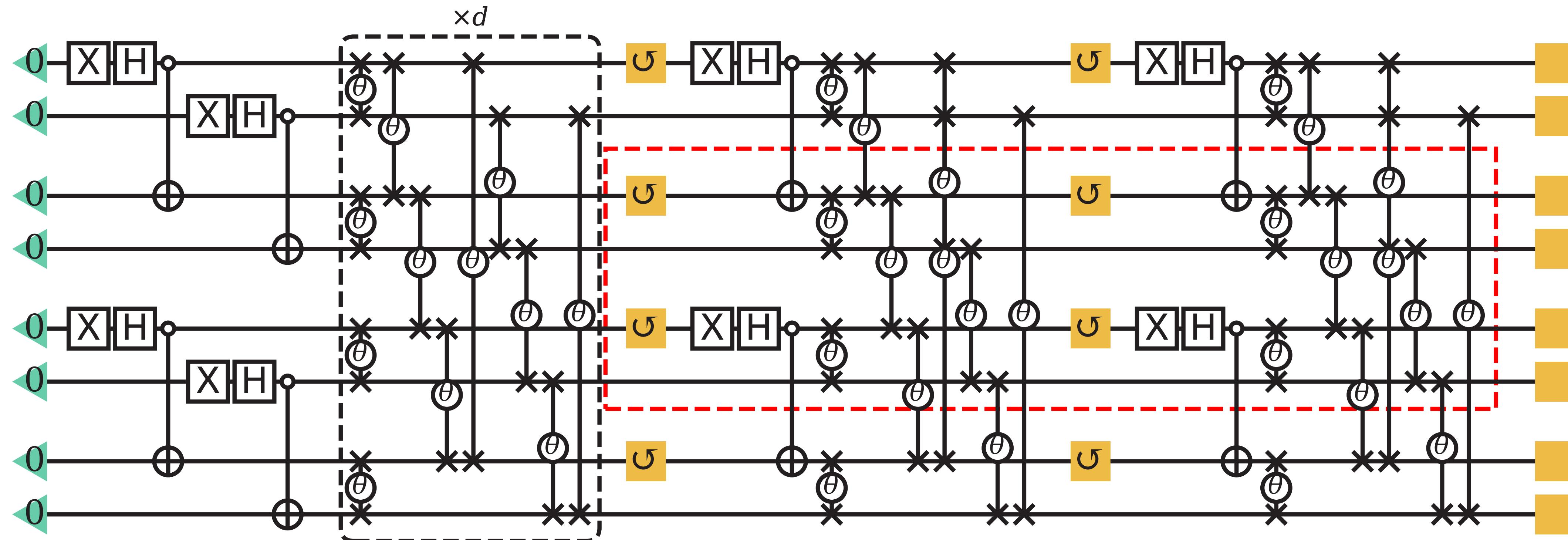
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Q-MPS



Q-PEPS



How to prepare quantum thermal states?

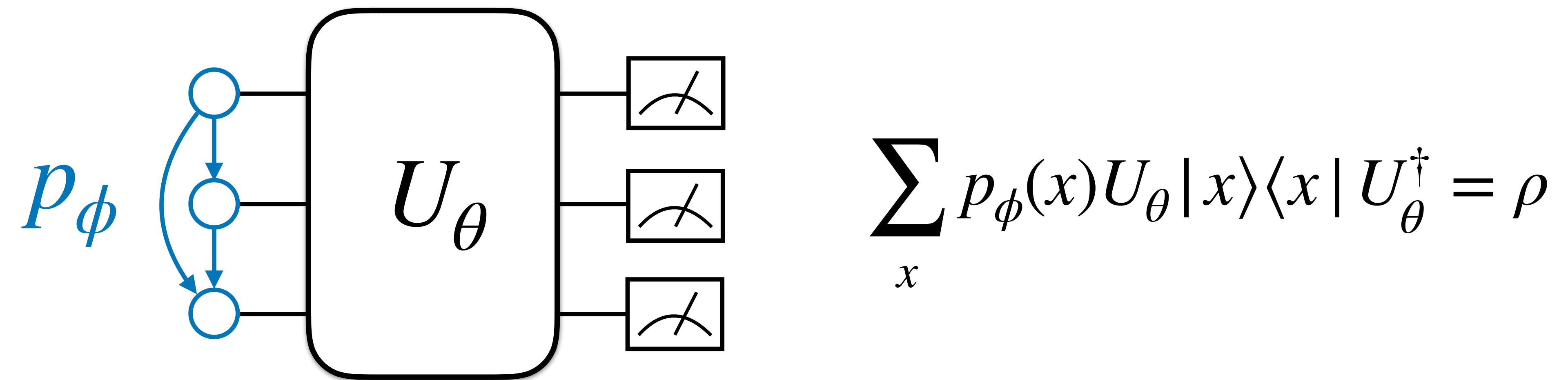
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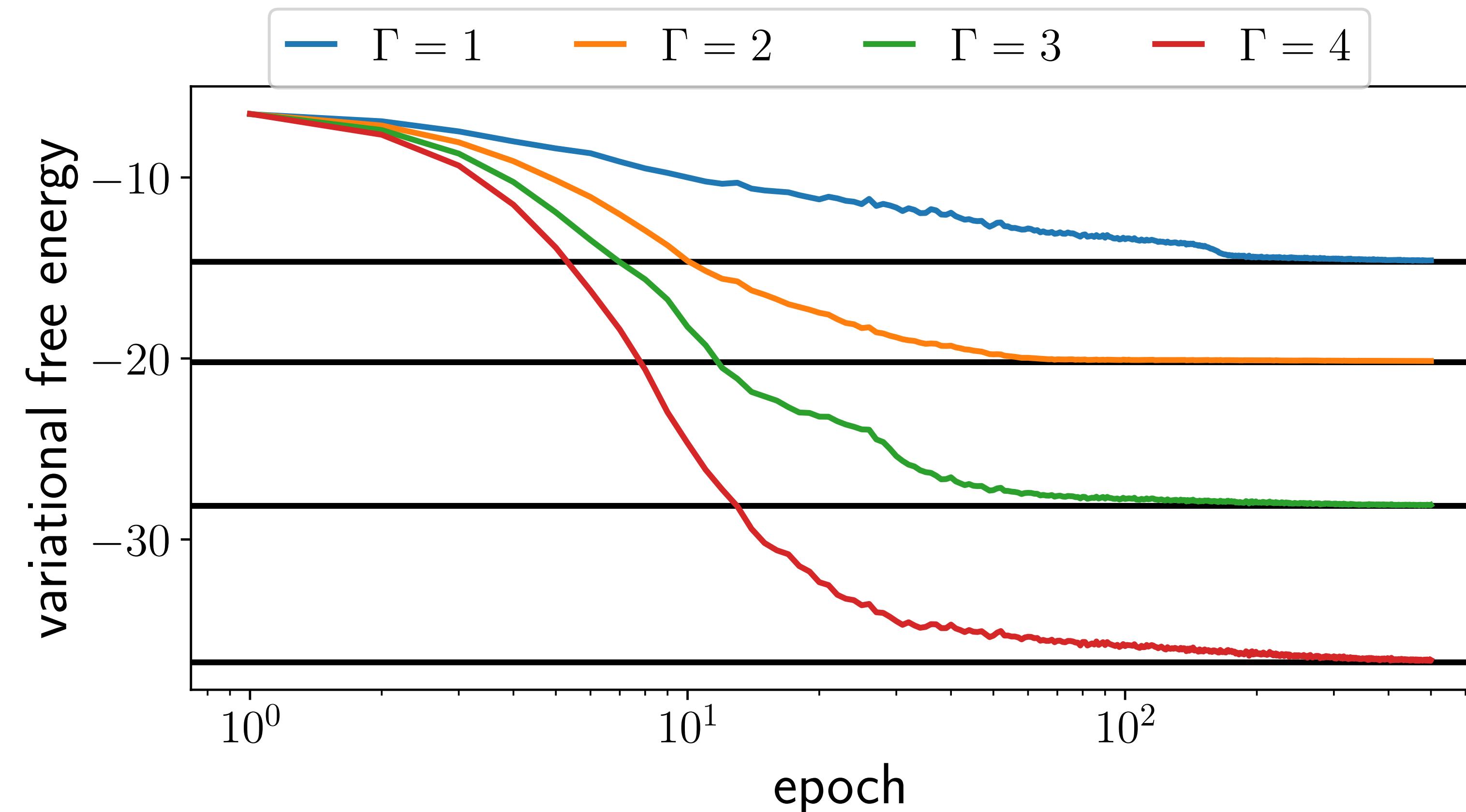
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A classical mixture of quantum states parametrizes density matrices

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$$\mathcal{L} = \beta \text{Tr}(\rho H) + \text{Tr}(\rho \ln \rho) \geq -\ln Z$$



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Ising model @ $\beta=1$

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